

**Board Minutes**  
2<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association  
December 27, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.  
San Joaquin County Fairgrounds  
1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton, Ca

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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by president Dave Cultrera.

**Roll Call:**

**Directors Present** David Cultrera, Joe Bacchetti, Joe Amen, Nikki Linnerman, Brie Witt, Junette Lopez, Sam Fant

**Directors Absent** Judy Rodriguez (excused)  
*\*If a board member is going to be absent, please email/ call both the Board president and Fair CEO*

**Others in Attendance**

Heather Chambers, Tony Noceti, Jecff Cesca, John Quiroz, Brian May, Kelly Olds, and Krista McCoon, Mr. Batth

**Consent Calendar:**

Director Amen moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Lopez seconded the motion. Motion passed, unanimously.

- A. Minutes – 11/16
- B. Interim Agreements
- C. Bills Paid: November

## Reports and Information:

### Old Business:

- A. Solar update
  - No update, DGS is working on it
- B. Noceti Group, Inc. contract update
  - Kelly is in the process of writing up the terms of the negotiations. It will then go to the finance committee, CDFA legal, and Tony Noceti and his attorney for review.
  - Tony passed around the current contract and noted he comes in annually with a minimum of \$75,000. He provided a list of his payments year-to-date for over \$80,000.
  - Board members discussed wanting to get this contract completed.
- C. SCCA paving update
  - Review of the final contract proposal is taking place and hoping to have it completed in the Spring
- D. Report back on meeting with CalPERS regarding the amount of money owed for pension and medical benefits
  - We owe roughly \$350,000 to Cal PERs
- E. Progress on electrical repairs and mitigation of potential safety issues
  - An evaluation of issues to place and the estimate is coming in at over \$850,000 to fix
- F. Update on the renovations of the livestock restrooms
  - The men's side of the bathroom is being renovated currently.
- G. Discussion on 2018 fundraiser dinner
  - The group is considering having a fundraiser in October/November but will not be holding one in the Spring. Should the fundraiser dinner take place moving forward, the Friends of the San Joaquin Fair will not be charged to rent the building.
- H. Update on fire sprinkler project at Winners
  - The finance committee recommends that the Board do the project.
  - Director Bacchetti moved that we move forward with the fire sprinkler project at Winners. Director Amen seconded the motion. Motion passed, unanimously.
- I. Update by staff on 2018 Fair
  - Director Witt moved that AgFest parents/siblings be charged 50% for fair tickets. Director Fant seconded the motion. Motion passed, unanimously.

### New Business:

- A. J. Bath Mexican-style horse racing proposal
  - Mr. Bath explained that he would like to use the straight-away portion of the race track for horse racing
  - He would like to do it every Sunday, or at least every other Sunday
  - He discussed the financial breakdown for the fair
  - The board recommends, via general consensus, moving forward with the proposal and coming back with a written proposal next month
- B. Consideration of approval of the 2018 budget
  - Kelly reviewed the budget and discussed how the revenue and expenditures were derived

- Director Fant moved to adopt the 2018 San Joaquin Fair Budget as presented, Director Linnerman seconded the motion. Motion passed, unanimously
- C. CEO to report on current staffing positions, status (full time or part time) and average hours worked per week per position
  - Kelly provide the Board a listing of employees and their salary/hourly rate
- D. Report from CDFA on the Findings and Recommendations of its Operational and Financial Assessment
  - Brian May gave his report and urged the board members to read it and take action
  - Cal PERs is owed \$350,000 and the AP is roughly \$350,000 as well.
  - Brian discussed the community outreach that will be going on including state representatives, different community members, promoters, etc. The stakeholder meeting will be in mid-January. Then there will be a larger community meeting.
  - Brian reviewed his recommendations that paired with his findings
  - Brian noted that a fair of this size would have three times as many staff members
  - He also noted that the fair spends more on entertainment than other fairs its size
  - Brain noted that a significant amount of engagement in the Friends of the San Joaquin Fair organization is needed.
  - Joe Bacchetti and Nikki Linnerman were assigned to the stakeholder meeting
- E. Recommended updates to the by laws regarding cannabis events
  - See committee report
- F. Officer elections
  - Director Fant moved Joe Bacchetti for President and Brie Witt for Vice President. Director Linnerman Seconded the motion. Motion passed.
    - Joe Bacchetti- Yes
    - Junette Lopez –Yes
    - Nikki Linnerman – Yes
    - Joe Amen – Yes
    - Brie Witt – Yes
    - Sam Fant – Yes
    - Dave Cultrera - Yes
  - Director Fant moved Kelly Olds was voted Secretary/Treasurer. Director Linnerman Seconded the motion. Motion passed.
    - Joe Bacchetti- Yes
    - Junette Lopez –Yes
    - Nikki Linnerman – Yes
    - Joe Amen – Yes
    - Brie Witt – Yes
    - Sam Fant – Yes
    - Dave Cultrera - Yes

**Committee Reports –**

- A. Finance
  - Brie reviewed the financials and the balance sheet
- B. Fair/Marketing
  - The group met after the last meeting.

- The next marketing meeting will be January 24 after the board meeting
- C. Policy and By Laws
- The fair received some information regarding cannabis events on fair property from CDFA.
  - Sam provided some highlights and noted that there will be an actual policy set for the next meeting

**President's Report –**

- The board needs to be a working board. Members need to be highly involved in their respective committees to make the budget work.
- Dave thanked the board for allowing him to serve
- He also asked that moving forward there be a roster of attendance for each committee meeting

**CEO's Report –**

- None

**Correspondence –**

**Public Comment –**

**Adjournment –**

Director Sam Fant moved to adjourn and Director Nikki Linnerman seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

**Items for future meetings**

- Fire Marshall Resolution
- J. Bath Mexican-style horse racing proposal
- Cannibus