

**10TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 17, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: The 10th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM by Past President Fawaz.

ROLL CALL/DIRECTORS ABSENT: All Directors were present with the exception of President Finley who called. There are three board positions vacant.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF: Also present were Cliff Munson, CEO; Michelle Eiler, AGPA; and Jake Hargett, Etna High School/Etna FFA.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR: CEO Munson reported that they are beginning Phase II of the Winema Hall Kitchen upgrade. They meet tomorrow at 6:30 PM. No public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Action by Board): Director Mercier made a motion, seconded by Director Hanna and carried to accept the consent calendar which included minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting, contracts for November and the Finance Report. (Aye votes: Fawaz, Hanna, Mercier, Rizzardo and Salters). No public comment.

BUSINESS REPORT & INFORMATION (Action by Board):

- Kart Track Contract Renewal – The 2019 season was reviewed and discussed. Vice President Rizzardo made a motion, seconded by Director Salters and carried to renew the Yreka Outlaw Karts/Jim Berry contract for another year. (Aye votes: Fawaz, Hanna, Rizzardo and Salters; Mercier abstained). The schedule still needs to be approved by Fair Management. No public comment.
- Officer Elections – Director Mercier made a motion, seconded by Director Hanna and carried to reappoint Jason Finley as President; appoint Director Fawaz to Vice President and reappoint Michelle Eiler as Secretary. (Aye votes: Fawaz, Hanna, Mercier, Rizzardo and Salters). No public comment.
- SB 84 Obligation – CEO Munson reported that due to the passing of Senate Bill #84 the state is liable to make a one-time supplemental payment to the California Public Employee's Retirement System as part of the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget package. The Department of Finance has developed a repayment schedule and obligation will be paid in five-year installments beginning in Fiscal Year 2020/2021. No public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE (Information/Action): The correspondence folder was passed around containing a letter informing the board that the 10th DAA has requested a payment plan for the SB5 Proposition 68 Bond Measure Winema Hall HVAC project. The project is estimated to cost \$321,000 and would not be started until after the 2020 annual fair. No public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Informational/Action):

- Junior Livestock Auction Committee – Director Rizzardo reported they are dark and there is only one collection payment letter that needs to be issued. No public comment.
- Junior Fair Board – Director Fawaz reported that they have agreed to assist at the Farm Bureau Dinner on March 28th; which happens to be the same weekend as the Sportsmen's Expo. The Siskiyou County Farm Bureau and Mechanics Bank will donate funds to help purchase the board members shirts. The meet again at the end of January. No public comment.

FAIR REPORT (Information/Action):

- 2020 Fair – Director Fawaz mentioned the need to start thinking about the Thursday night event during the fair. It was discussed that there is already a concert booked for that night with a new partner and auto racing may be a conflict with the noise. Item will be discussed further in January.
 - Loading Ramp – Jake Hargett has not prepared any further information; but has determined it will be a project for the spring. He will make sure that it is made extra strong and sturdy. Director Fawaz commented that the fairgrounds needs to be kept up to date and possible assist with materials, if necessary. No public comment.
 - Dorper Sheep – Director Mercier made a motion, seconded by Director Hanna and carried to add a lightweight sheep class to include Dorpers and Southdowns. (Aye votes: Fawaz, Hanna, Mercier, Rizzardo and Salters). CEO Munson and Vice President Rizzardo will make sure that it gets entered appropriately in the Exhibitor Handbook and weights will be based on Superior Farms. Jake Hargett will assist the fairgrounds in educating and getting information out on the new class. No public comment.
 - Online/Onsite Grandstand Event Ticket Prices – Director Salters made a motion, seconded by Vice President and carried to have a \$5 spread between presale and fairtime (onsite) ticket prices. (Aye votes: Fawaz, Hanna, Mercier, Rizzardo and Salters). No public comment.

CEO COMMENTS: CEO Munson reported that staff will be intermittently in the office until the New Year. He continues to work on judges and partners for the 2020 fair and Michelle is working on end of the year. We received most of the payment for the USFS for the fire camp in September, we are waiting on the balance. He awarded the permanent staff with a monetary achievement award for another outstanding year. He will be out of the office on January 3rd and 9th and the office will be closed from January 20-23 for the WFA Convention.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Director Hanna mentioned the mobile app looks good with the new updates.
- Vice President Rizzardo thanked the staff for all they do to keep our fair in good standing. At this time other fairs are running into problems with books and documents not being kept properly. She also mentioned that the CEO is at the top of the pay scale but still deserves to be compensated. If there is any way to make his job easier (new phone, laptop for out of office, etc.) it should be presented to the board. She also let everyone know that board members are going to start getting appointed so those interested need to reapply now.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Michelle Eiler – There are two spaces open on the front LED sign for advertising in case anyone knows or hears of someone.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Director Mercier made a motion, seconded by Director Lori and carried to change the January meeting date to Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 5:30 PM (due to the WFA Convention the week before). (Aye votes: Fawaz, Hanna, Mercier, Rizzardo and Salters).

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Approved:



Brandon Fawaz
Past President

Attest:



Michelle Eiler
Secretary

1/28/2020