

**10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
June 16, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The 10<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by President Finley.

**ROLL CALL/DIRECTORS ABSENT:** All directors were present. There are four (4) vacant board positions.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF:** Also present were Cliff Munson, CEO; Michelle Eiler, AGPA; Mike Luiz, Senior Maintenance Worker; Janae Scruggs, Friends of the Fair President; and Jacob & Kellie Hargett, Etna FFA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**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 May 19, 2020 meeting, contracts and cash disbursements for May and the current financial report.

Board Member	Approved (yes vote)	Not Approved (no vote)	Abstained	Reason of Abstaining
Brandon Fawaz	X			
Jason Finley	X			
Judd Hanna	X			
Darrin Mercier	X			
Lori Salters	X			
4 positions vacant				

No public comment.

**BUSINESS REPORT & INFORMATION (Action by Board):**

- Office Activities – CEO Munson reported that cancellations letters have been sent out to all fair contract holders. Letters were issued to partners and award donors to see if they wanted a refund or to donate that money; most have responded with the donation option. No public comment.
- Grounds/Maintenance Activities – CEO Munson reported that Mike continues to mow, and it has been nice having the rain since we have cut back on the watering of the grounds. No public comment.
- COVID-19 Pandemic Update – CEO Munson reported that we are in Phase 3 as of last Friday. We are working very well with Siskiyou County Public Health and have been allowed to have up to 300 people for a race, but no public is allowed - individuals must be associated with a car and must follow all COVID protocol and procedures to attend. Other large fundraisers/events seem to be starting up in the state but livestock shows have been having difficulty getting approved. No public comment.

**CORRESPONDENCE (Information/Action):** Included in the board packet were a letter from CDFA regarding Insurance Coverage Limits – New Requirements; a CDFA letter regarding Guidance for Non-Essential Events during COVID-19 and an email that California is Free of Virulent Newcastle Disease. No public comment.

**FRIENDS OF THE FAIR:** President Janae Scruggs reported that they will be meeting tomorrow night in the Beer Garden at 5:30 PM. It will be discussed how they can help the new livestock show and auction. It

was also learned after the taxes were completed that they will need to spend approximately \$53,000 on a fair improvement project this year. No public comment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (Informational/Action):**

- Junior Livestock Auction Committee – Director Mercier reported that the Directors meeting this Thursday at 5:30 PM and then there is a public meeting at 7:00 PM in the large show ring. They are working on plans to have 3 auctions, 1 each night, to accommodate the number of animals and people. They are still planning on having a live action. No public comment.
- Junior Fair Board – CEO Munson reported that they have a zoom meeting tomorrow and are discussing doing a drive-in movie in the front parking lot. No public comment.

**FAIR REPORT (Information/Action):**

There was discussion about the modified Exhibitor Handbook and the class list that was in the packet, how we are doing showmanship and separating the species into separate days. CEO Munson stated that this is the information to get on the website so people can start to enter for still exhibits and livestock. Specifics are not completely set and will continue to be looked as we move forward since everything is so fluid due to COVID-19.

Director Mercier made a motion, seconded by Director Hanna and carried to post the revised classes to enter for still and livestock exhibits for the 2020 event.

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No public comment.

**CEO REPORT (Information/Action):**

- Events
  - Calendar of Events – CEO Munson reported that he is working with Barba Promotions/Siskiyou Golden Speedway to establish a reduced rate for each race with no public. They are holding test and tunes and modified races and the karts are trying to get up and running with no public as well. The farmers market is being held every Wednesday. The fireworks will be shot off in the front parking lot but there will be no public allowed on the fairgrounds for viewing.
- Projects
  - Winema Hall HVAC System – CEO Munson reported that it is still moving forward.
- Funding Issues – CEO Munson reported that the \$3 million from the General Fund and the \$18.6 million from AB1499 is still in the governors revised budget as is the language for fairs to start the layoff process. If the combined \$21 million makes it through the Governor’s Office CFA has requested an allocation for all fairgrounds in July. There are about 30 DAA’s that will be unable to make it through this, but we are well positioned financially.
- WFA Chairman Report – CEO Munson reported CDFA seems to be stifled by the COVID situation and unable to help much with the collapse of the fair network. The governor has indicated that fairs need to transition out of state government. RCRC (the Regional Caucus of Rural Counties) has been contacted by state government and in turn has contacted Supervisors in rural counties, including Siskiyou, to begin talks about encouraging transition.

Vice President Fawaz made a motion, seconded by Director Salters and carried to move 95% of the LAIF account and spread equally among local financial institutes that are FDIC insured.

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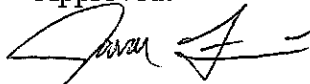
**MATTERS OF INFORMATION:**

- CEO Comments – CEO Munson expressed that things are not going to slow down. He feels the 10<sup>th</sup> DAA should engage with Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP in Sacramento to create a plan and documents to start transitioning away from the state. Louis Brown of Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP has prepared these items for other fairs. After discussion, CEO Munson is to request the engagement letter and research options of being a county facility, JPA, 501(d)3, etc. that would be a best fit for us. Directors are to email any questions of concern to CEO Munson regarding the situation. A special meeting will be held when information is available.
- Board of Director Comments
  - Director Salters asked what we do when board members are no longer on the board. CEO Munson stated that they give a lifetime pass. She also said thank you to staff for working on the entry schedule.
  - Director Hanna expressed that there is a lot going on with no fair happening.
  - Director Mercier stated that the board fully supports the staff regarding job security, and it would be a great thing if we can get away from the state. He is also glad that we are doing something for the kids.
  - Vice President Fawaz mentioned that after a recent board of supervisors vote on the Williamson Act, Siskiyou County may not be as supportive of agriculture as it has been in the past.
  - President Finley said thank you to Director Hanna for filling in at the JLAC/Fair Board subcommittee meeting.
- Staff Comments
  - Mike Luiz stated that it sucks that so many people are out doing things and we can not hold a fair.
- Items Proposed for Next Board Meeting Agenda - none

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Approved:



Jason Finley  
President

Attest:



Michelle Eiler  
Secretary