

**10TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 15, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: The 10th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:53 PM by President Finley. CDFA Contract #19-0174 approval was added under the Consent Calendar.

ROLL CALL/DIRECTORS ABSENT: All Directors were present, except for Director Mercier who called. There are three board positions vacant.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF: Also present were Cliff Munson, CEO; Michelle Eiler, AGPA; Janae Scruggs, FOF President; Jack Hargett, Etna High School/Etna FFA; Kevin Barba and Misty Buschman of Barba Promotions/Siskiyou Golden Speedway; Dan Bryan, Jefferson State Fair representative; and Grady Hanna.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Bryan is requesting to rent the fairgrounds from August 26 to September 22, 2020 to host the Jefferson State Fair (actual dates of fair would be September 9-14, 2020). He would need the facility and it would be an actual fair with exhibits, livestock, etc. and include all the surrounding counties that are a part of the Jefferson State movement. It was determined that for a rental of this magnitude he would need to prepare a written proposal and bring it back to the board for review.

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR: Janae Scruggs reported that they will be participating in the Holiday Parade the Saturday after Thanksgiving. They have been kicking around fundraising ideas to earn more funds as well as looking at improvement projects for next year. The Winema Hall remodel phase II should be completed by the March deadline. No public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Action by Board): Director Fawaz made a motion, seconded by Director Salters and carried to accept the consent calendar which included minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting, contracts for September, the Finance Report and request/approval of contract #19-0174 for the 2019/2020 allocation. (Aye votes: Fawaz, Finley, Hanna, Rizzardo and Salters). No public comment.

BUSINESS REPORT & INFORMATION (Action by Board):

- Racing Contract Renewal – Kevin Barba wanted to let the board know that he is interested in renewing the race contract. He proposed several improvement ideas such as lights in the pits, more/new k-rails, adjust turn 4, and possibly bringing a race into Wednesday night of the fair. He also is in the process of working with sponsors and scheduling. CEO Munson said that he doesn't see a problem with a renewal but that will not be confirmed until after the end date of the contract, all bills are paid, and all other obligations are met. This item will be tabled until the next meeting. No public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE (Information/Action): The correspondence folder containing was passed around containing information on the CFA Fall Managers Conference, thank you notes from Marilyn Wheeler and Charlie & Marlene Martin, a notice from City of Yreka regarding a Sign Use Permit within 300 feet of our parcel, the Siskiyou Golden Speedway financial report, the letter to the Federal Service Desk to update the SAMS Register for Federal Fire Camps and several memos from CDFA (State Rules Advisory Committee, CAL-Card Program, Donated Livestock Pens, and 2019/2020 Fair Funding Program). No public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Informational/Action):

- Junior Livestock Auction Committee – Director Rizzardo stated that the next meeting is this Thursday at 7:00 PM; the next meeting will be in April 2020. She also stated that there is still about \$20,000 outstanding from the 2019 auction. No public comment.

FAIR REPORT (Information/Action):

- 2020 Fair –
 - Jake Hargett, Etna FFA Advisor and fair time volunteer in the swine barn, brought some questions and suggestions to the meeting.
 - Swine loading/unloading structure – He was asking permission for his club to improve the ramp to reduce stress and make easier on everyone. It was determined that he would research and bring back a proposal to the board. Director Rizzardo mentioned that higher sides on the ramp and mats would help a lot. No public comment.
 - Maximum Weight Limits – He was wondering if it is appropriate to restrict animals to specific weights? Director Rizzardo stated that we are not a large enough fair to have specific weights per breeds and our numbers would not support a breed market show. She also mentioned that the fair sets the weight limits and JLAC sets what they pay to. The slaughter facilities also dictate some of the weights. No public comment.
 - Breed Specific Weight Limits – He stated that the Dorper sheep are becoming popular but are not entered because they do not fit into the weight limit, any chance at having a lightweight class? Director Fawaz asked Jake to provide some information on the number that would come to the fair if a class was provided and we would go from there. No public comment.
 - Carcass Contest – He asked if it would be coming back. Director Rizzardo said that is a JLAC issue. No public comment.
 - Night Security/Lockdown – He was looking for clarification of the past few years where hogs were being let out of their pens. Director Rizzardo stated that most of the rumors were blown out of proportion and it is not an issue. We do have night security, but we may look at shutting the barn down on Friday and Saturday at 9-9:30 PM and encouraging exhibitors to use zip ties on their latches. No public comment.
 - 2020 Theme Contest – All themes received were reviewed, President Finley directed CEO Munson to pick or create a theme that he is able to work with for advertising and exhibit purposes. No public comment.

CEO COMMENTS: CEO Munson mentioned the WFA Convention in January again in case any board members are interested in attending. He listed the vandalism that has been occurring on the grounds: quad at the racetrack stolen, fences and barbed wire cut in several places, and the window on the front office door broke. Kart races are over for the season and the speedway has a couple more weeks. He has been continuing to work with the Yreka Chamber of Commerce on the 2020 Music Festival and Beer Fest event. They had requested \$50,000 in funding and just learned they were approved for some, not sure of the amount at this time. He has attended the State Rules Committee meeting, had a conference call regarding AB1499 regulations, AB63 overtime, SB5 project funds, and SB1800 fair reclassification. We are still waiting to see if we will receive funds for Winema Hall HVAC system project. The Friends of the Fair will be starting their Winema Hall kitchen remodel phase II in December and we have the Holiday Gift Fair coming up in November.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Director Salters – requested clarification on the board meeting times because the website calendar had the October meeting at 6:30 PM. October-March is 5:30 PM and April – September is 6:30 PM.

Director Hanna – wanted to make sure that we knew there were several lights out on the LED sign.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Approved:
Jason Finley
President

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Attest:
Michelle Eiler
Secretary

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