

**10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
October 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The 10<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:25 PM by President Finley.

**ROLL CALL/DIRECTORS ABSENT:** All directors were present with the exception of Director Mercier who called. There are two (2) vacant board positions.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF:** Also present were Cliff Munson, CEO; Michelle Eiler, AGPA and Mike Luiz, Senior Maintenance Worker.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Information/Action):** Director Hanna made a motion, seconded by Director Kutzkey and carried to accept the consent calendar which included minutes from the September 19, 2023, meeting, contracts and cash disbursements for August.

Board Member	Approved (yes vote)	Not Approved (no vote)	Abstained	Reason of Abstaining
Monet Allen	X			
Alyssa Burrone	X			
Brandon Fawaz	X			
Jason Finley	X			
Judd Hanna (1 <sup>st</sup> )	X			
Chris Kutzkey (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	X			
Darrin Mercier				Absent
2 positions vacant				

No public comment.

**CORRESPONDENCE (Information/Action):** A Memo from CFDA regarding SB 447 (Atkins) GO-Biz: Bridge Project: Repeal of Travel Ban. No public comment.

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

- Junior Livestock Auction Committee – CEO Munson reported that the next meeting is this Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the beer garden. It will be an open meeting and there are three positions up for reelection. Director Allen will be attending. No public comment.
- Junior Fair Board – CEO Munson reported that there are nine members on the 2023-2024 board. He has not heard from Cheryl Foster, the advisor, so he will make contact and get an update. No public comment.

**BUSINESS REPORT & INFORMATION (Information/Action):**

- Grandstand Safety/Race Fence – CEO Munson reported that Senior Maintenance Mike Luiz has been busy getting quotes for a new fence. The Inline Fence bid was \$93,500 and Barn Builders/Chuck Vasey’s bid was approximately \$49,775. After making some other contacts we have the opportunity to purchase WWW Chaparral panels for the interior fence for \$9,299.20. Director Kutzkey made a motion, seconded by Director Allen and carried to purchase of the panels from Big Jims Cattle Service and to proceed with the building of the new safety/race fence by Barn Builders/Chuck Vasey; it was also advised to purchase some additional materials to have on hand in case of repairs.

Board Member	Approved (yes vote)	Not Approved (no vote)	Abstained	Reason of
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				Abstaining
Monet Allen (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	X			
Alyssa Burrone			X	Sees both sides
Brandon Fawaz	X			
Jason Finley	X			
Judd Hanna		X		
Chris Kutzkey (1 <sup>st</sup> )	X			
Darrin Mercier				Absent
2 positions vacant				

No public comment.

- Future Facility Projects – The discussion of other facility projects to work on was discussed by the board. Director Burrone made a motion, seconded by Vice-President Fawaz and carried to proceed with the upgrades on the Grandstand Beer Concession Booth (evaporation coil, TXV, defrost timer, temperature control, new counter tops, fridge for food concession side).

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Alyssa Burrone (1 <sup>st</sup> )	X			
Brandon Fawaz (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	X			
Jason Finley	X			
Judd Hanna	X			
Chris Kutzkey	X			
Darrin Mercier				Absent
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Vice-President Fawaz made a motion, seconded by Director Kutzkey and carried to purchase the discounted items from Noel Lesley Event Services, Inc. on Estimate #33 dated 10/11/2023, since they are going out of business. Items include bleachers, tables, racks, electrical boxes, adapters, casters, garbage cans, uprights, baseplates, spreader bars, and banjo drape in the amount of \$15,640.

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Alyssa Burrone	X			
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Jason Finley	X			
Judd Hanna	X			
Chris Kutzkey (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	X			
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- Other project ideas discussed:
  - Lillard Arena Grandstand – CEO Munson received some estimates that range from \$3 million to 4.8 million.
  - APEX Stage – CEO Munson reported that a new stage that is 32'x24' and includes all the accessories is approximately \$232,340. It is possible that this could be a purchase from the JLAC Lily Foundation Funds, and we have about \$49,000 in the current stage maintenance account that could be applied to the cost. Vice-President Fawaz would like to see some comparison of renting versus purchasing to see what is more cost effective.
  - Other suggestions: Permanent Concession Area (including picnic tables) make more appealing; create an infrastructure onsite for other venue events; finishing the fencing at the entrance of the fairgrounds (Fairlane Road) towards the bridge; resurfacing the back lot and other areas that get a lot of use; improve the Equestrian Area so it will get more use; make

the front entrance to the fairgrounds grander; possibly purchase a three-quarter ton pickup and a dump trailer, additional camping area, remodel the RV Restroom so there are individual shower stalls, finish putting LED lighting in the parking lot, and might be beneficial to purchase a genie lift.

- Minor projects that can be completed now: additional lighting at the Carnival Restroom area; women’s restroom toilet replaced, and water leak repaired, add more electrical in the equestrian area and provide more signage for exiting the fairgrounds at fairtime.

It was requested that CEO Munson get more details and pricing on the above. No public comment.

**2024 FAIR REPORT (Information/Action):**

- Grandstand Events – Wednesday: dark, jousting event or traveling show, something free to the community; Thursday: redneck roundup (including side by side barrel races); Friday: Rodeo, committee is meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was discussed to talk with the derby promotor we would like to use to see if it could move back to Sunday. Other ideas to look into are Motorcross, Monster Trucks again, Tractor Pulls, BMX Bike Racing, Bull/Bronc Riding, Chariot Races, and music. CEO Munson will be attending the IAFE convention in November and the WFA Convention in January and will report back with any other events that he learns about. No public comment.

**CEO REPORT (Information/Action):** CEO Munson reported that TRP Motorsports has an agreement with Barba Promotions to remove all the tires in the pit area in exchange for the racing equipment. Some tires have already been removed from the facility. He attended the Jackson County Expo Harvest Fest this past weekend and participated in a zoom meeting this morning where the county commissioner informed the board that they are approximately \$1 million dollars in the red at this time. CEO Munson will attend the schedule interviews for the new CEO on November 15<sup>th</sup>. He will also be attending the CFA Managers Conference in November.

- Events – CEO Munson reported that there is only the Siskiyou Sidekicks Horse Show at the end of this month.
- Projects – CEO Munson reported that the broadband needs to be finished in Winema Hall for Cal Fire and then we will be completely CalOre. F&E has approved \$160,000 to be sent to us to begin the Floral Building improvements (front façade, lighting, t bar, ceiling, etc.). CEO Munson reported that he believes the Exhibitor Restroom Project would be approved in the next round of funding so we will hold off on that project for now.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

- Director Hanna – good meeting.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** None.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The budget committee met at 3:30 PM today and reviewed the budget; it will go on the next board meeting agenda to be approved.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 5:30 PM. Due to the holidays and schedule conflicts Director Burrone made a motion, seconded by Director Kutzkey to combine the November and December meetings on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

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Brandon Fawaz	X			
Jason Finley	X			
Judd Hanna	X			

Chris Kutzkey (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	X			
Darrin Mercier				Absent
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**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Approved:



Jason Finley  
President

Attest:



Michelle Eiler  
Secretary