

**10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 19, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The 10<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM by President Finley.

**ROLL CALL/DIRECTORS ABSENT:** All directors were present with the exception of Director Kutzkey 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 Mercier made a motion, seconded by Director Hanna and carried to accept the consent calendar which included minutes from the August 22, 2023, meeting, contracts and cash disbursements for July.

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 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	X			
Chris Kutzkey				Absent
Darrin Mercier (1 <sup>st</sup> )	X			
2 positions vacant				

No public comment.

**CORRESPONDENCE (Information/Action):** Thank you cards from Laura Gregory and Assemblywoman Megan Dahle were passed around. No public comment.

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

- Junior Livestock Auction Committee – Director Mercier reported that the post fair meeting is this Thursday. There was lots of cleanup with the new system but hopefully the bugs are being worked out and it will run smoother next year. The penalty was enforced with several exhibitors that did not fulfill their auction duties, but they can appeal at the public meeting this week if they choose to do so. Overall things seemed to be good and didn't have a lot of complaints. On the financial end, Friends of the Fair has authorized the transfer of the funds to JLAC. No public comment.
- Junior Fair Board – CEO Munson reported that the board was invited to go to the Tulelake Butte Valley Fair with him and he didn't get any participants. The applications for the new board are on the website and the deadline is September 29<sup>th</sup>. No public comment.

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

2024 Speedway Operations – President Finley reported that one RFP was received for the speedway from TRP Motorsports. The committee reviewed the documents with the proposal being \$1,000 per race and \$150 per test and tune. The committee recommends contracting with TRP Motorsports with some contingencies in regard to the race fence. CEO Munson is doing some research on cost, but it is estimated to be around \$150,000 and would need to run through the state. If the fair is to fund the race fence it is an improvement on the property it would have a low return on investment due to the little revenue that is

received through racing. The race fence is something the fairgrounds should have in place for all motorized events in the grandstand for liability concerns. Other items of concern that were discussed is that the track has to be completely put back in; the fairgrounds is not responsible for any past renters' improvements that need upkeep and if we do put in a fence the renter needs to be responsible for any damage that occurs. Director Burrone made a motion, seconded by Director Hanna and carried to award TRP Motorsports a contract for the 2024 race season for a flat fee of \$10,000, plus utility expenses, for up to 15 races with the grounds as is; the fairgrounds will continue to explore options for a new fence for the 2025 race season.

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Monet Allen	X			
Alyssa Burrone (1 <sup>st</sup> )	X			
Brandon Fawaz	X			
Jason Finley	X			
Judd Hanna (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	X			
Chris Kutzkey				Absent
Darrin Mercier	X			
2 positions vacant				

At the end of the meeting the board will go out to look at the race fence for a better understanding. No public comment.

**2023 FAIR REPORT (Information/Action):** An updated Fair Report on revenues and expenses and the report of the grandstand events was handed out and reviewed. No public comment.

**2024 FAIR REPORT (Information/Action):** CEO Munson reported that he is working on grounds entertainment this fall before everything is booked. He just inquired about the Sea Lion Splash exhibit. No public comment.

**CEO REPORT (Information/Action):** CEO Munson reported that the governor rescinded the travel restrictions so the IAFE convention November 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City is now available to attend. There is the NICA convention in Las Vegas December 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and the WFA convention in Anaheim January 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. He also has been working on the Jackpot for 2024 and after discussing with Chase Mercier it was decided to hold it in October instead of May. The May show isn't getting as much participation from California exhibitors since fair dates have changed to earlier in the year. Mr. Mercier will form a committee to assist with the production of the event. CEO Munson informed the board that a budget committee was needed; President Finley appointed Directors Allen and Burrone to this committee.

- Events – CEO Munson reported that the farmers market is coming to an end at the beginning of October. The invoice for the fire camp came to a total of \$354,540 for 19 days on the grounds.
- Projects – CEO Munson reported that the Broadband is in place on the fairgrounds except for the office. The wiring is in place we are just waiting for Right Click and Cal Ore to set a date that it can be switched over. We are moving forward with the upgrades in the Floral Building and CEO Munson has contacted Michael Flores at CDFA in regard to getting funding for the project. We have also been discussing the remodeling or restructuring of the Exhibit Restroom. This was quoted at \$323,000 in the spring but we had a time deadline. We are going to request new estimates without the time restriction and hopefully the cost will be less. With the incoming funds from the fire camp and the current year allocation, we could afford to put some money into the fairground infrastructure. Other projects that were discussed were the purchase of a new stage and LED lighting upgrades to the front parking lot.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** None.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:** It was requested that the race fence be discussed further and we need to start working on getting the grandstand events set.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Approved:



Jason Finley  
President

Attest:



Michelle Eiler  
Secretary