

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Via Zoom and TVSFA Ag Museum**  
**6pm, January 21, 2026**

**Call to Order:** President Rice called the board meeting of the Tanana Valley State Fair Association to order at 6:02pm.

**Directors in Attendance Via Zoom:** President Priscilla Rice, Vice President John Tiemessen, Treasurer Linda Stanley, Secretary Missy Rees( entered at 6:10), Danielle Gibbs, April Monroe, Joey Taylor, Jody Thomas

**Director's Excused:** Marla Lowder

**Association Members in Attendance:** Fritz Wozniak, Gabrielle Larry, Ella Cotter, Bonnie Kulzer

**Staff/Association Members in Attendance:** Executive Director Scott Vance

**Staff in Attendance:** None

**Guests in Attendance:** None

**Establish Quorum:** President Rice

**Land Acknowledgement:** President Rice

The Tanana Valley State Fair Association gratefully acknowledges that these events are taking place in the territory of the traditional and original inhabitants of this land, the Tanana Khwt'ana, and we say their name in this place to remind us of the Tanana Khwt'ana, their culture and way of life, their special relationship to the land and to honor the original language of this place Che'no' Kenaga'.

**Agenda Approval: MOTION** to approve the agenda by **Director Tiemessen**, seconded by **Director Taylor**. Motion carried without objection.

**Approval of Minutes: MOTION** to approve December 17, 2025, meeting minutes by **Director Tiemessen**, seconded by **Director Gibbs**. Motion carried without objection.

**Public Comments:** No public comment

**Committees:**

**Budget and Finance** - Chair Director Stanley reported We ended the year with a slight profit, mainly because of uncashed and voided checks, mostly from premiums, entertainment, recycling and a few vendors. Looking into possibilities for a P card through Bank of America, Mt

Mckinley, or Anchorage Bank of Alaska. ED Vance has a tentative budget for 2026, they will have a work session to finalize things. This year is going to be an extremely tight year so engaging new and existing sponsorships will be very important.

**Policy and Procedures** - Chair Director Rice reported that they met 1/15/26 and went through the bylaws, they are not ready to present to the board, they are trying to keep membership local.

**Capital Projects** - Chair Director Monroe reported that ED Vance is in contact with contractors who are currently bidding on the work in the campground, the campground is the priority.

**Board Development/Community Involvement** - Chair Director Rice: they did not meet; they feel having a board retreat would be beneficial.

**Entertainment Committee:** Chair Director Monro reported that they have not met recently but a meeting is planned for the following week. Currently there are no big acts booked.

Director Monroe left the meeting due to poor internet connectivity 6:57

**Executive Director Report:** Scott Vance reported that he met with OSHA and was able to get our fines reduced, we had many electrical violations on the midway, and TVSFA had no emergency action plan. He will have a more in depth report as things develop. There have been heating upgrades in a lot of buildings, they all seem to be holding heat, and there will be issues to address in the spring. The Energy building got a TOYO system installed, just waiting on fuel to make sure everything is working correctly. GVEA will be our 1st day sponsor, we will have a school supply drive again, SBS, ODEM, Doyan, and Alaska 529 have all indicated interest in being sponsors this year. He is actively working on getting more committed. Looking to partner with Native Movement and initiated contact with them. He has reworked the sponsorship for, so hopefully will be more user friendly with various levels of sponsorship, he has also updated rental agreements. They are working on the 2026 Merchandise, and finalizing poster and crest, creating a social media campaign for community engagement and increase visibility for the happenings on the fairgrounds. There are no staffing changes, they are not recruiting for any positions yet other than looking for an Events Coordinator. Membership renewal and annual meeting emails are going out Monday, postcard reminders have been mailed already.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Electronic storage for board members:** We need to create continuity from year to year, if we can figure out a good way to store files electronically for board members to easily access it might help with this. A lot of information gets lost in the handover process from year to year.

Ideas brought up to look into: google drive, share file, add board members to TVSFA VPN, Microsoft didn't work when tried before.

**Executive Director access to MySBA** ED Vance received a letter that needs two board signatures to move payment account from Denali State Bank to Mt McKinley Bank. **Motion** to approve signing the letter approving movement from Denali to Mt Mckinley **by Director Stanley** seconded by **Director Tiemessen**. Motion carried without objection

**Annual Meeting**-Director Rice thinks we should meet to organize how the meeting will run so it will go smoothly. Do we expect a huge crowd, or can we hold it at the Ag museum? Director Rice will work with ED Vance to work on ideas to find interested people, we need someone that has a background in finance since Director Stanley will no longer be on the board come March. There will be 3 positions open. We need to advertise on website and social media, letters of interest are due by 2/24/26. The annual meeting is to be held on 3/25 at 6pm location TBA

Board Comments: None

**MOTION** to move into executive session to discuss HR matters, contracts, sponsorships, and ED 3 month evaluation by **Director Taylor**, seconded by **Director Gibbs**. Motion carried without objection. 6:51.

Director Monroe Rejoined the meeting at 7:40

**MOTION** to move out of executive session by **Director Taylor**, seconded by **Director Tiemessen**. Motion carried without objection. 7:47

**MOTION** to adjourn by **Director Taylor**, seconded by **Director Monroe**. Motion carried without objection. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

**Future Dates:**

Budget and Finance- Friday, February 20, at noon via zoom

Policies and Procedures- TBA

Capital Projects- Thursday 1/29 at 1 at the fair office and on zoom

Board Development/Community Involvement- TBA

Entertainment committee- Thursday 1/29/26 @ 12:30 at the fair office and on zoom

Next Board of Directors Meeting- 6pm Wednesday, February 18, 2026, hybrid in person and zoom, Ag

Museum **Submitted by Director Rees**