

40th DAA Community Outreach Meeting

40th District Agricultural Association/Yolo County Fairgrounds
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Thursday, October 13, 2022
6:00-8:00 PM.
John Rogers Hall
Yolo County Fairgrounds
1250 Gum Ave. Woodland, CA 95776

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elaine Yamaguchi (Chair), Nancy Muller, Gary Holman, Anthony Roberts

STAFF

Bart Vannucci, CEO

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an open forum for community members to comment on the 2022 Yolo County Fair and make suggestions for future Fairs.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address any items on the agenda of any board meeting. The items must be directly related to Fair (40th DAA) district business. While board values the participation of the public, the Chair of the Board reserves the right to limit the time for public comment to a maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker in order to proceed with the agenda of the day and/or to place the item on the agenda (as an action item) of a subsequent meeting.

If an individual wishes to request an item be placed on the agenda, the request must be made in writing and delivered to the fair office no later than 4:00 p.m. on the twelfth (12th) business day prior to the board meeting. Items placed on the agenda by the public will be for information and discussion so that the board may be advised of the views of the community.

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All matters noticed on the agenda, in any category, may be considered for action. Any item not so noticed may not be considered/discussed. Items listed on the agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Chair.

AGENDA

1. Welcome

My name is Elaine Yamaguchi, and I am the current Chair of the Board. The Board does not have sufficient members present to conduct business, and ordinarily, we would just close the meeting. Tonight, though, we have opened this meeting specifically to provide a forum for members of the community to address the Board.

2. Introductions and Comments from Board Members

- *Before we start, I would like to recognize the presence of Board Members Gary Holman, Nancy Muller, and Anthony Robert. Would any of the members like to make any comments?*
- *Also with us is the Board's CEO, Bart Vannucci. Mr. Vannucci, would you please introduce members of the staff, and guests from the State Department?*

3. Purpose of Tonight's Meeting and Ground Rules

- *We always welcome the comments, questions and concerns from our community members, and intend to hear all people who wish to speak. To accomplish this, we will observe the following rules of order. I absolutely understand that we all feel passionately about the fair, and this property, but we will remain civil. If we can't maintain order, I will direct Mr. Vannucci to close the meeting.*
- *If you wish to speak, you must be recognized by the Chair first. In the interest of structure, we have divided the main topics on the agenda. There are big sheets and pens around the room, and if you would like to speak to a specific point, please write your name on the list. We will call on people in the sign-up order.*
- *When you are called upon to speak, please state your name, and any organization you are representing. You will be allowed to speak for up to three minutes, and this will be strictly enforced.*
- *If you are making the same points as someone who has already spoken, please do not repeat those, and simply state that you agree with the previous speaker.*
- *When speaking, refrain from foul language, accusations, or any other words that might be considered rude or inflammatory. Similarly, refrain from raising your voice. The chair will rule you out of order and you will be stopped from speaking, and possibly removed from the building.*
- *Board members, if you wish to respond to a specific topic, please request recognition before speaking. You may be recognized to ask questions or request clarification from a speaker.*
- *In general, the CEO will provide responses to any direct questions raised. Be aware, though, that in many cases, questions requesting action will need to be placed on the Board's agenda for discussion at a future date.*

4. Report from CEO

At this point, in the interest of saving some time, I would like to call on Mr. Vannucci to provide some answers to the most commonly received comments and concerns received after this year's Fair.

5. Open Forum

Before I start calling on speakers, let me make a few points.

- *The staff, board and volunteers of the Fair spend months planning and executing the Fair, as well as managing and maintaining this property. I would like to acknowledge the generosity and hard work of the Yolo County Fair Heritage Foundation. I know that the staff and Board join me in this appreciation.*
- *The world we operate in has changed dramatically from as recently as five years ago. Since 2019, all decisions and plans have been guided by the need to ensure maximum public safety.*

The guidance from public offices changed often, was not negotiable, and erred on the side of caution.

- *That being said, we always welcome volunteers and constructive input from the community as we plan the fair. In other words, if there is something you would like to see changed, please consider helping to make that change.*

- a. Planning the Fair and Finances
- b. Fairgrounds and Facilities
- c. Vendors
- d. Events
- e. Health and Safety Issues

6. Discussion for moving forward

- a. How to Get Involved

7. Closing Comments

8. Adjourn