

MINUTES  
35-A District Agricultural Association  
Board of Directors  
January 25, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President T. Williams at 5:00 PM in the director's room, of the 35-A District Agricultural Association.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Stewart.

DIRECTORS & STAFF PRESENT: Williams, Johnson, Richards, Munn, Stewart, Bullis, Foley, Lebow

DIRECTORS & STAFF ABSENT: Wass; Appling, Brock, Phillips.

GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Stewart, second by Johnson and carried to approve agenda as emailed.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Johnson, second by Richards and carried to approve minutes of the November 16, 2015 regular meeting.

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Stewart; second by Richards and carried to approve disbursements in the amount of \$38,227.11 and net payroll in the amount of \$16,269.30 for the month ending November 30, 2015 and disbursements in the amount of \$27,300.60 and net payroll in the amount of \$13,549.67 for the month ending December 31, 2015.

WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGE: Motion by Johnson, second by Stewart and carried to authorize workers compensation coverage for directors and volunteers for the calendar year 2016 while performing fair related duties.

AUTHORIZE USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES: Motion by Richards, second by Munn and carried to authorize Directors and Staff to use private vehicles for official fair related business.

AUDIT REVIEW: Manager Bullis went over the exit interview with the Board, the exit interview is attached and made part of these minutes.

CONCESSION/COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS: Discussion between board members and staff regarding the vendors from the 2015 Fair. Motion by Stewart, second by Johnson and carried to approve the 2016 vendor list with direction given to Lebow.

MARKETING COMMITTEE: Johnson reported on the marketing committee meeting. Staff was given direction on finding out about online ticket sales. Committee also recommended that we have online entries and staff will be setting that up. Committee also recommends to the Board that the Derby Tickets that be raised to \$15.00 per box seats and \$12.00 General seating. See attached and made part of these minutes. Motion by Munn; second by Stewart and carried to approve the Marketing Committees recommendations.

EXHIBITS COMMITTEE: No date was set.

BLUE RIBBON AWARD: Motion by Richards, second by Munn and carried to award the Blue Ribbon Award to Dan Tucker.

2016 REPORT OF RESERVES: Manager Bullis went over the reserves that we are starting the year out with and also attached the same for 2015 so a comparison could be shown. The report is attached and made part of these minutes.

F&E: Letter requesting funding. Manager Bullis informed the board that a letter need to be sent to request the funding from F&E this year. Letter has been written and signed by Board President Williams.

**DIRECTORS AND STAFF COMMENTS:**

- ❑ Stewart Thanked God for the rain.
- ❑ Richards reported that we need to become proactive about funding with the State and the County. Discussion was held and Stewart also will begin working on a letter to send.
- ❑ Johnson reported on Convention and learned so much. She made notes and they are now part of the minutes. Johnson also handed out reports on what the cost of renting the building out was costing and what profit was made. These are attached and made part of the minutes.
- ❑ Foley reported on new puppies.
- ❑ Lebow reported on contracts and celebrating her Mom's 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

- ❑ Reported on the meeting held about TOT Tax on the ballet, School District is considering a bond and so is the hospital.
- ❑ Friends of the Fairgrounds reimbursed the Fairgrounds \$19,340.00 for special Maintained Projects in 2015. They have \$96,900.00 in reserves. The Friends of the Fairgrounds will be doing the Untz Concert alcohol booth. Will be asking the FFA Boosters for help to man the booth also.
- ❑ Work on the new cell tower is progressing and in the process we are cleaning up our junk pile.
- ❑ Is working on letters to the editor and the Board of Supervisors regarding Fair Funding.
- ❑ Reported that to pump the septic system will cost .25 per gallon and we have 40,000 gallons to pump.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Richards, second by Stewart and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:00PM in Memory of Betty Lincoln, Marge Delmare, Franny Jr. Bob Longagore.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Bullis, CEO

Tom Williams, President