

## Minutes

35-A District Agricultural Association

Board of Directors

January 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Williams at 5:01 PM in the director's room of the 35-A District Agricultural Association.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Williams.

DIRECTORS & STAFF PRESENT: Directors- Williams, Richards, Shelton, Vaughan, Phillips, Johnson and Staff- Foley and Davies.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Wass

GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Foley presented the CDFA – Circular Letter 2025-01 CA H5N1: Ban on California Poultry and Dairy Exhibitions at Fairs and Shows, possibility of fairs after June not being affected.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following item was removed from the consent agenda for discussion and action by the board: D. The remaining items: A., B., & C. Passed. Motion by Richards, second by Shelton and unanimously approved by all board members present.

- A. APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Phillips, Second by Shelton and carried unanimously via roll call to approve the November 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY: Item D was requested to be modified by Richards to increase from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to reflect increasing costs. Authorize Foley to execute standard & rental agreements up to \$30,000.00. Authorize Davies to execute judging agreements for 2025 fair. The duration of this delegation is authorized for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Motion by Richards, second by Shelton and carried via roll call unanimously to Authorize Foley to execute standard and rental agreements up to \$30,000.00 and authorize Davies to execute judging agreements for fair 2025 during the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
- C. APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Phillips, second by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve disbursements via roll call in the amount of \$71,412.88 and net payroll in the amount of \$22,781.30 for the month ending October 31, 2024 and disbursements in the amount of \$58,443.93 and net payroll in the amount of \$15,811.89 for the month ending November 30, 2024.

- D. MARKET WEIGHTS: Foley went over the requests for changing the following market weights, after discussion and review of 4 other fairs in our area, Motion made by Phillips, second by Johnson and carried unanimously via roll call to increase market weight for Market Beef to 1100lb-Open lbs and max payout weight of 1400lb, Market Swine to 210lb-280lb and max payout weight of 280lbs, Market Goats 60lbs-Open lbs and max payout weight of 100lbs, Feeder Goats 59lb or under and remove market goat birthdate requirements.
- E. FAIR THEME 2025: Motion made by Vaughan, second by Richards and carried unanimously via roll call to honor former CEO, Brian Bullis with a tribute theme of *Double B Hoedown, A Final Farewell*.
- F. BLUE RIBBON AWARD: Motion made by Shelton, second by Phillips and carried unanimously via roll call to award Brian Bullis the Blue Ribbon Award for 2025. Award to be given at the Cowboy Beer Booth in the Fisk Park area at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 30, 2025 during the Beer with Brian festivities. Shelton will ask FOF to sponsor music.
- G. FINANCE COMMITTEE 2025 BUDGET: Motion made by Johnson, second by Phillips and carried unanimously via roll call to approve the 2025 budget as presented.

MARKETING COMMITTEE: Shelton set the date for March 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

EXHIBITS COMMITTEE: Foley will contact Wass to coordinate day and time prior to February board meeting.

CONCESSION & COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS: The board discussed the importance of booths being manned at all times during business hours and requiring all concession & commercial exhibitors to keep their inventory contained to their contracted space. Foley discussed adding Fish & Chips, Vaughan offered a known concessioner. Phillips would like to add more hands on activities in Junior Building, like learning to tie flies. Foley will talk to department heads

REPORT OF RESERVES: Tabled until next meeting, December financials are not complete as of yet.

DIRECTOR & STAFF COMMENTS:

- Vaughan is looking forward to 2025, excited to thrive and get to the table.
- Shelton is excited for the upcoming year.
- Richards is happy to be back. He would like everyone to revisit the mission statement on the fair website and implement that when making decisions in meetings the upcoming year.
- Williams would like to reduce time and cost in the office by having board members print out their own agendas and minutes sent to them prior to the board meetings. He also is hopeful the AB258 will increase fair funding.
- Johnson had nothing to share.
- Phillips had nothing to share.

- Davies shared her excitement to be part of the office team and fair family.

#### MANAGERS REPORT:

- Foley said we received a surprise on 12/26/2024 with a \$45,000.00 check for operational support from AB1499 funds.
- Building A floors were buffed, our buffer was out of commission so a rental was warranted. Ben has since repaired our buffer.
- Ben has fixed one mule and the other is in the process of being fixed.
- The Soil Conservation building is now empty, Debbie deep cleaned it. We may need to reinstall a second bathroom. We have the toilet and sink, but will need a vanity and mirror.
- There's talk of a four year water treatment plant project which could generate more long term RV guests. Rob Hambleton discussed adding more pedestals in RV lot 5, CJ Petretti would donate the KOA pedestals he currently has to reduce costs to the fairgrounds.
- Form 700 is due from board members at the next meeting, any income (even 3<sup>rd</sup> party) needs to be disclosed.
- Foley said Convention was a success. She attended several sessions and took away a wealth of knowledge. She secured lighting and sound while there and also networked for some entertainment.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion by Phillips, second by Richards and carried by roll call unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM in memory of JC McNally.

Respectfully Submitted

Leslie foley, CEO

Tom Williams, President

