

MINUTES
35-A District Agricultural Association
Board of Directors
November 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 5:02 PM in the director's room, of the 35-A District Agricultural Association.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Williams.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Agenda as Emailed

Motion by Shelton, second by Vaughan and carried unanimously via roll call to approve the Consent Agenda as is.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Vaughan, second by Wass and carried unanimously via roll to approve the October 21, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Bullis stated the disbursements include some of the 2024 annual Fair expenses and are in line with past years payables with the exception of an estimated 20% increase due to inflation. Motion by Richards, second by Johnson and carried via roll call unanimously to approve disbursements in the amount of \$91,389.80 and net payroll in the amount of \$46,154.86 for the month ending September 31, 2024.
- c. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Wass stated that the nominating committee would like to keep the same slate of officers from 2024. Williams asked if there were any additional nominations, with none being presented. Motion by Wass, second by Phillips and carried via roll call unanimously to keep the same slate of officers for 2025.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION:

- a. 2024 Fair: Bullis reviewed the preliminary GL accounts for fair, it is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.
- b. Full Time Maintenance Position: Bullis informed the board that CDFA got back to him and said that we could not have a full time maintenance supervisor position because our fair was not large enough to support the position. Bullis was required to submit a justification letter stating why our fair needs this position to be filled. Bullis is still waiting for a response back from CDFA.
- c. DIRECTOR & STAFF COMMENTS:

Vaughan asked about doing more promoting on our long term camping, there are a lot of locals looking for a place to live. Bullis explained our policy for long term camping, must be a worker whom lives outside of our area doing a job locally. Exceptions are occasionally made on a case by case basis.

Shelton said it has been a good year and since we don't meet in December he hopes everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wass had nothing to share.

Phillips said he is waiting to see what happens with the new rules regarding carbonators in RV's and how that will effect camping.

Richards had nothing to share.

Williams said he wanted to also wish everyone a Merry Christmas and also a great Thanksgiving. Tonight will be Bullis' last board meeting.

Foley has been busy here in the office. Hopes everyone enjoys the holidays.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Bullis informed the Board that we have a new camp host, his name is Jim Black and he has actually been on the grounds in RV 5 as a long term camper since 2011. Jim works during the day but will be around in the evenings and weekends when the office is closed.

Bullis went over current reserves, a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes. If the fair does not have any fire camps, we usually have to tap into reserves for \$100K - \$150K. This year Bullis said he did over spend in the budget this year, he wanted to be sure to get as much as he could done for the incoming CEO upon his retirement.

Bullis spend a few minutes thanking the board for the past 21 years and his enjoyment of working with all of them. He is going to miss everyone but he is ready for retirement.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 11126, the Board met in Closed Session at 5:31PM for the purpose of considering matters involving:

a. Personnel: CEO Hiring – Govt. code 11126(a)(1)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:48 PM. Williams reported that the Board unanimously voted to hire Leslie Foley as the new CEO. The starting salary will be \$7,853.00 per month, classification will be Secretary-Manager II, District Agricultural Associations. Leslie's starting date will be January 2, 2025. A copy of the signed resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion by Phillips, second by Johnson and carried by roll call unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 PM in memory of Dorothy Nielson.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Bullis, CEO

Tom Williams, President