

MINUTES
35-A District Agricultural Association
Board of Directors
October 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President T. Williams at 5:00 PM in the Sequoia Hall, of the 35-A District Agricultural Association.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Phillips.

DIRECTORS & STAFF PRESENT: T. Williams, Richards, Shelton, Phillips, Wass, Bullis, Foley, and Stewart by telephone.

DIRECTORS & STAFF ABSENT: Appling

GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Phillips, second by Shelton and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 regular meeting.

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Richards, second by Stewart and carried unanimously to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$28,432.14 and net payroll in the amount of \$10,692.54 for the month ending September 2020. Richards asked if there were any unusual payables for the month, Bullis said we did have to replace a booster pump and also parts and repairs for the tractor. Bullis plans to ask Friends of the Fair for reimbursement.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE: Will hold a finance meeting on November 16, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Stewart asked that it be held on November 16, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE: Manager Bullis gave the board an explanation of the correspondence form the Equine Medication and Monitoring Program.

BOARD MEETING DATES: Motion by Stewart, second by Phillips and carried unanimously to change the January and February board meetings. January 25, 2021 & February 22, 2021. The 2021 Fair Board dates were handed out to Board Members. Due to an error, Foley will correct and email out a corrected Fair Board dates.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

- Phillips said that he needed Triple A to come out and just so everyone is aware, it took 5 hours because there is not a Triple A in Mariposa, they have to come from Fresno or Merced.

- Shelton said he emailed Dr. Eric Sergienko regrading guidelines for the fair to use when holding events. Waiting for a reply at this time.
- Richards gave us an update on the Brown Bear Lodge that should start construction in 2022. They plan on having 196 rooms, 3 stories, 96 units for employee housing (not just their employees). They will have a wine vineyard on two acres and a venue for weddings, etc. down along the creek. Plans have been submitted. Richards would like to recommend that the Board consider replacing him as the Chairman of the Finance Committee with Shelton. Richards said that he no longer deals with a large budget since his retirement but that Shelton does, Richards would still like to stay on the committee. President Williams said he would like to keep Richards as the Chairman for now, Shelton has a lot on his plate with the Marketing Committee and other activities.
- Stewart said he just retired a few weeks ago and is so far loving the decision.
- Wass apologized for being a little late, she had a client meeting that went longer than planned.
- Williams shared a nice article that was published in support of fairs, this was written by Kevin Cann. Reported that the fair received a nice award from the Gazette as The Best Annual Event. Also shared that we just received an award from Hotels.com on our tent camping as a rating of 8.8 out of 10.
- Foley has nothing to report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

- Had his daughter's wedding this month at the family ranch, it was a great event.
- Budget will be difficult this year with COVID, Bullis will just work the budget as if it will be a normal year, may need to make a few adjustments as we go along through the year. Williams assured Bullis and the board not to worry, this has been a very unusual year and who knows what will happen in 2021 at this time, we will do the best we can under the circumstances.
- In order to get State funding, we have to have our financial review complete. Bullis and Foley compiled the required documents and it all got mailed out last week to the accountant.
- Informed the board that he received an email from the Governor's office requested an updated registry listing of our current board members, our vacancies and appointment dates of each member along with their ending term date (all board member terms are up). Giving everyone a heads up that they may be receiving a call from the appointment secretary.
- Maintenance is still working on painting the outside of both building A and building B. They will be replacing some siding on building B, we will be replacing the bad siding with concrete siding.

CLOSED SESSION: Per Section 11126(a) of the government code to conduct the annual performance evaluation of the manager at 5:19 PM. Bullis and Foley left the meeting room.

OPEN SESSION: The meeting resumed in open session at 5:25 PM. President T. Williams reported that the Board has given the manager an outstanding rating in all categories and retained his services for the following year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion by Shelton, second by Phillips and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Bullis, CEO

Tom Williams, President