

MINUTES
35-A District Agricultural Association
Board of Directors
June 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by President T. Williams in the Sequoia Hall of the 35-A District Agricultural Association.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Williams.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF PRESENT: Williams, Richards, Appling, Shelton, Phillips, Bullis, and Foley. Steward and Wass in attendance by telecommunication.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Shelton, second by Phillips and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 regular meeting as emailed.

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Richards, second by Phillips and carried unanimously to approve disbursements in the amount of \$80,254.11 and net payroll in the amount of \$13,572.33 for the month ending May 31, 2020. Richards asked if we are on track and Manager Bullis informed the board that payables were up due to fair vendor refunds, event refunds, cost of the upfront funds for the water valve project, which we will get refunded back and also a saddle ordered which the sponsor sent in the funds to cover today. (The sponsor wanted the saddle ordered for himself).

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

- Williams said he received an email addressing the Board regarding the fair allowing the derby cars to have any Confederate Flags on them, Tom discussed with Richards prior to tonight's meeting. Richards did some research and found a lawsuit the Fresno Fair was in due to a painting that had a Confederate Flag on it. Richards read the ruling was that it falls under the First Amendment Act. Williams stated that it will not be on our Agenda but an email will be sent back to her. Shelton asked where would we draw the line regarding displaying the different items that offend some people?
- Richards said that individuals are allowed to carry (a Confederate Flag) on private or government property to maintain their first amendment right, which would also be the case with other items on display.
- Shelton gave the Board information on the Junior Livestock Auction (JLA) moving forward to do a livestock sale in September and also a possible show of some kind. It will be voted on at the JLA meeting on Wednesday 6/17/2020.
- Phillips - no comments to make
- Appling said she attended the drive-in high school graduation here on the grounds, her granddaughter graduated. It would be nice if we could offer a drive in movie here, Brian said the screen to rent is \$3,000 a day.
- Stewart Hopes everyone stays safe.

- Wass said she was sorry she had to miss the meeting in person, it was hard to hear well over the phone, she will make it in person next month.

STAFF REPORT:

- Foley - no comments to make

MANAGERS REPORT:

- When we get to open back up we should just have a big hoedown, he will talk to the FOF to see if they have any ideas too.
- My son got married this past weekend at the ranch, had a great day with friends and family.
- Finished the main water valve replacement project, the contractor included two extra valves at no extra charge. Having to drain the tank has created extra work for him and Will with the rust and debris collecting in everything, they have had to flush out the water coolers, toilets, etc.
- Mariposa Court asked about using buildings to hold court appearances for social distancing but have not gotten back to us as of yet.
- PG&E looking to use us for a community resource center during power outages, community can come and charge cell phones, get water, etc. They will conduct an electrical assessment tomorrow and an ADA assessment soon to see if it is possible. If they go forward, they will provide a generator that will stay on site.
- We are trying to keep payroll as low as possible, we will have a payout to Julie this month for her left over CTO time on the books. We have been using Mother Lode Job Training, currently have Ivory until September through them and a second guy starting soon.
- We just had a rental for high school graduation and we have a memorial booked in July, all events have to go through the County Health Officer.
- The Ag Office has requested to change their rental agreement from a 60 day notice to vacate to a 30 day notice, makes me feel that maybe they will be leaving soon and if so we will have an open office for rent.

Williams did comment that there was some talk about skipping meetings during the COVID-19 due to business being a minimal, we should continue having our normal monthly meeting so we are sure all business is being taken care of in a timely fashion.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion by Appling, second by Phillips and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM in Memory of Jan Mennig.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Bullis, CEO

T. Williams, President

Date Signed: