

MINUTES  
35-A District Agricultural Association  
Board of Directors  
April 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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, Shelton, Wass, Bullis, Foley, Wiemer and by telephone conference, Appling, Stewart and Phillips.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF ABSENT: Richards (On medical leave)

GUESTS: Danny Brown (& Sons) and Ira Jones with Mariposa 4-H

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Stewart, second by Phillips and carried to unanimously approve the agenda as e-mailed.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Phillips, second by Appling and carried to unanimously approve the minutes as e-mailed of the February 22, 2021 regular meeting. March was canceled due to weather.

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Shelton, second by Phillips and carried unanimously to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$26,780.73 and net payroll in the amount of \$10,355.26 for the month ending February 28, 2021 and \$32,836.23 for disbursements and \$11,617.20 for payroll ending March 31, 2021. Bullis did explain we had to purchase a new riding lawn mower for \$5,000 which he will ask Friends of the Fair to reimburse us for.

DANNY BROWN & MARIPOSA COUNTY 4-H: Danny addressed the board with a request to allow the 4-H mini members to display their pygmy goats during fair, they will not be judged or participate in showmanship, it will just be a display only. Danny is not sure how many mini members will want to participate, Bullis and Williams explained that the fair would not know if they will have room for them until entries close and we can see with Covid-19 restrictions if we have space for them. Danny said he understands and he doesn't need the answer today, just wants the fair to consider it. Also at the 4-H Council meeting it was brought up that if fair has to be cancelled due to Covid-19 again maybe something could be done for the Stills Exhibits, maybe a virtual entry display, etc. Bullis said if fair gets cancelled we will not do any show, it would cost funds that the fair won't have to spend. Danny Brown and Ira Jones both said they understand. It was brought up that 4-H used to put on a Spring Show, maybe they could bring that back so these kids could display their projects. Bullis said he could do a reasonable rental rate for the grounds needed, maybe have a Fall Sow. 4-H thanked the board for their time, and will take the suggestions back to the Council.

AB1499 ALLOCATION OF \$44,280 WAS RECEIVED: Bullis let the board members know we did receive our allocation, but it will not be a repeat, one time only allocation.

CDFA - \$40.3 M GENERAL FUND SUPPORT: Bullis told the board that the Governor allocated 40.3 M for covering leave liability, CTO, vacation time, etc. that was owed to those employees released due to Covid-19,

out of that fund there was 20 M left over, that was split out on different levels to the fairs, we received a check last week for \$83,000 of those funds.

RODEO GRAND MARSHALL: Bullis suggested we honor our selection for our 2020 Rodeo Grand Marshall, which was Bill & Mary Hodson since we did not have fair last year. Motion by Shelton, second by Wass and carried unanimously to Honor Bill & Mary Hodson again this year as the Rodeo Grand Marshalls.

EXHIBITS COMMITTEE: Wass reported on the Exhibits Committee recommendations, we had only one suggestion and that was in photography to extend the "Photographs shall have been taken within 18 months preceding the fair" to "24 months" so exhibitors can still enter anything they would have enter for our 2020 fair that was cancelled. Discussion between the board members, it was suggested to also include the other Still categories that have a time frame to 24 months for a one time change (for 2021 fair only). Motion by Wass, second by Phillips and carried unanimously to approve the Exhibits Committee recommendations and changes.

2021 FAIR: Bullis let the board know we have been moving forward with fair, contracts are almost all out, entertainment is scheduled, etc. We will assume we are in the orange tier at fair for selling tickets on the derby and rodeo, if we change into the yellow tier we can sell an additional 952 tickets at fair time, but as of now we are limited to 924 seats for each event. We will not be able to have the back beer booth open, the Health Department said no concessions in the grandstand could be open, Bullis said maybe the beer buckets could be brought back for this year. We will only sell tickets at our ticket window this year (no online or telephone sales), no reserve seats for box seats or general admission, they will all go on sale after the first of July. If we go into the red tier we will have to cancel fair completely. Because of the reduction in seats being able to be sold, we will need to increase our prices on both the derby and rodeo, discussion was made on what the pricing should be and tabled until next month. We will not award trophies this year, we will just do ribbons, buckles and blankets. Wass asked if we could provide blankets for the 4-H and FFA reserve and champion, she will help find sponsors to cover the cost. Williams said he would sponsor the FFA Champion Beef blanket and Williams & Shelton will still award the clean barn award.

#### DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

- ❑ Appling – No comment, lost connection.
- ❑ Stewart – He got his second Covid-19 vaccine, hopes we can get back to normal in the next year or so.
- ❑ Phillips - Nothing
- ❑ Shelton said he wanted to report on our social media, our Facebook members decreased some but our Instagram increased by 9%. Yosemite is requiring reservations again starting in May, they will be 3 day passes this time instead of 7 day pass. It will limit the number of people coming through our county and reduce our TOT income in the county.
- ❑ Wass – Nothing

STAFF COMMENTS: Wiemer had no comments. Foley said she has been busy sending out all of the concession vendors, commercial vendors and entrainment contracts for 2021, she has some of the standard contracts to go. Also has all of the judges secured for our 2021 fair and those contracts have gone out.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT:

- American Tower has signed a new long term rental to add an additional tower for \$500 a month, this will be for AT&T which will help service more of our guests.
- May 10, 2021 will be our semi-annual state audit, they usually spend two weeks but not sure if they even need that much time with our lack of events, etc. in 2020.
- NRCS building has been rented out to an individual for a studio, she is very happy with it.

- We received a grant from the Tourism Bureau in the amount of \$3,000.00. Our total cash on hand as of 3/31/21 was \$356,626.00 and after receiving a check from PG&E for the wind storm rental and Covid-19 vaccine site our current cash is at \$440,000.00 so considering everything this past year we are looking ok.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Shelton, second by Phillips and carried to adjourn the meeting in memory of Betty Wass at 5:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

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Tom Williams, President,      Date

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Brian Bullis, CEO      Date