

MINUTES  
35-A District Agricultural Association  
Board of Directors  
October 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President T. Williams at 5:00 PM in the director's room, of the 35-A District Agricultural Association.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Williams.

DIRECTORS & STAFF PRESENT: Williams, Richards, Shelton, Wass, Phillips, Bullis, & Foley.

DIRECTORS & STAFF ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Madison Kirkpatrick with the Mariposa Gazette

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Wass, second by Phillips and carried to unanimously approve the minutes of the July 15, 2023 regular meeting.

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Richards, second by Phillips and carried to unanimously approve the disbursements in the amount of \$72,827.48 and net payroll in the amount of \$22,053.06 for the month ending July 2023 and disbursements in the amount of \$177,637.51 and net payroll in the amount of \$30,890.97 for the month ending August 2023.. Richards asked if any unusual disbursements, Bullis stated that there was a purchase of a Kawasaki Mule in the amount of \$10,577.28 which has been on order for 1.5 years. After voting took place, Bullis remembered to report on a large transaction made to California Construction Authority in the amount of \$32,820.00 which was for the completion of the ADA parking project. Phillips made a motion to make the amendment, second by Wass and carried to unanimously approve as amended.

BOARD COMMITTEES: Williams has no changes to make for 2024. Wass did mention that we did have additions to the Horse Show Committee in 2023, Foley will make the corrections and add Jeremiah Bean and Anthony Leard to the committee. Also, Foley will add Deanna Souza to the Exhibits Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Wass set the date for November 20, 2023 at 4:50 pm.

BOARD MEETING DATES: After discussion and changes made to the suggested dates, Motion by Phillips, second by Richards and carried unanimously to change the January and February board meetings to the following dates: January 29, 2024 and February 23, 2023 (a Friday). 2024. Fair Board dates were handed out to Board Members.

FAIR VENDORS: Williams wanted the Board to be aware of an incident that was posted on social media regarding a vendor in Building A refusing to serve a customer due to a previous outside legal issue regarding the customer. Williams said this is not acceptable and will not be tolerated in the future. This person paid to attend

the fair and should be treated the same as everyone else. If in the future, any board member sees this type of incident during fair they are to report it to Bullis or Williams and it will be taken care of at that time.

#### DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

- Shelton said he is enjoying the cooler fall weather. The FOF Sausage & Suds event is coming up on October 28<sup>th</sup>, hope to see everyone there. October has been very good in the hotel business.
- Wass said there are lots of changes happening at her work, adding more employees which will be nice. Everything is great at home.
- Phillips had nothing to report.
- Richards enjoyed the great weather over fair, the grounds looked fantastic! He noticed that there were a lot of the older families of our community sitting in their favorite areas and really enjoying the fair this year. The quilts in buildings B & D looked great, they really add a nice bling to the buildings. Rodeo was tough, no one could ride this year. Bullis made the comment that with the high fuel prices it's had to get contestants these days, we even added more money to the pot to entice more riders to enter. Richards said the stands are still filled and the music that's played makes a big difference and keeps the audience involved. Richards said he thinks the derby has too many cars in it, the final heat has so many cars they can't get enough space to get any good hits, it would be nice to limit the cars. The music during derby also helps with the participation of the audience. Richards read a letter to the board that was posted on Facebook after fair by business owner, Troy Foster in appreciation of Bullis and staff for such a great fair, letter is attached and made a part of these minutes.
- Williams reported that he attends a lot of other fairs and our fairgrounds are by far the most well taken care of and we have gorgeous grounds.
- Foley reported that she was glad to see October get here. Covid hit our office three weeks before fair which was not convenient at all, but we all survived it and made it through fair.

#### MANAGERS REPORT:

- Bullis reported that the Handicap Parking Project is complete. Total cost into it is \$43,000.00, we did have additional cost of having hand rails put up due to the layout of the parking spaces. Bullis feels the project may have caused more problems than were solved. There is now a step right outside the front door which has always been a slight slope and right in front of the step down is a parking bumper, both will be tripping hazards. We had our first event in that building this past weekend so we put up two tall delineators to warn people of the possible hazard, seemed to work well.
- Bullis said we just had the first Yosemite Goddess Festival and it went very well. It was well managed and had a low impact on the grounds. Those that attended seemed to really enjoy it. They have already booked for next year.
- The concession stand in the gold bowl area has been remodeled, it looks great. It is bright, painted green and gold for the grizzlies. It's used mainly just for the football games.
- We have added members to our horse show committee this year, it's nice to have the extra help. Our pre horse show went late to about 7 pm, we were all drenched by the time we got everything cleaned up due to a rain storm that came in with thunder and lightning.
- Muston Busting went great at fair, this was a first time event for us. The promotor was a husband and wife team with their two sons plus we had several Jr rodeo parents that jumped in and helped out during the event. If you missed this year's event, you want to be sure to watch it next year it was really a fun event to watch.
- Bullis said he did a comparison of what we made on our Airbnb rentals when Yosemite Park required a reservation, we were at \$14,828.00 and at \$37,323.00 when they did not require a reservation to get into Yosemite Park.

- Just as an FYI for anyone that noticed we did not have our Fair Banners up in town this year, we did send in our application in a timely manner but we never received a permit to put them up. Bullis thinks it is due to all of the construction work in town with all the underground sewer being replaced, so it just wasn't safe to put them up.

CLOSED SESSION: Per Section 11126(a) of the government code to conduct the annual performance evaluation of the manager at 5:36 PM. Bullis, Foley and our guest Madison Kirkpatrick left the meeting room.

OPEN SESSION: The meeting resumed in open session at 5:43PM. 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 Richards, second by Phillips and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Bullis, CEO

Tom Williams, President