

MINUTES
35-A DAA – Mariposa County Fairgrounds
Board of Directors
July 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Williams at 5:00 PM in the Director's Room of the 35-A District Agricultural Association.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Williams.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Johnson

GUESTS: Madison Kirkpatrick, Mr. Kelling and 2024 Rodeo Royalty: Heely Patterson and Aurora Kelling.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RODEO ROYALTY: Mariposa Rodeo Queen Heely Patterson and Junior Princess Aurora Kelling described their year in review. Both represented Mariposa throughout Northern California, as well as at home, in a big way. Queen Heely told the Directors about their upcoming Parks & Rec take over and their plans to entertain the day campers. The duo concluded their time with a reminder of the much anticipated Rodeo Royalty Dinner on August 9 in Building A at the Fairgrounds. They encouraged all to come.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A.) Approve Agenda as emailed.

Motion by Phillips, Second by Shelton and carried unanimously via roll call by all Directors present to approve the Agenda as is.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A.) **APPROVE MINUTES:** Motion by Phillips, Second by Vaughan and carried unanimously via roll call by all Directors present at the June 16, 2025 to approve the June 16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Directors Shelton and Wass abstained from voting due to their previous absence.

B.) **APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS:** Motion by Richards, Second by Wass and carried unanimously via roll call by all Directors present to approve disbursements in the amount of \$50,252.54 and net payroll in the amount of \$18,557.33 for the month ending May 31, 2025.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION:

A.) **CONTRACTS TO DATE:** Davies stated all concessions have been filled, including food vendors. She noted that the Redman Janny Janitorial contract is still outstanding.

B.) HOSPITALITY ROOM: Foley welcomed Directors to bring something to share if they wanted, but it's not necessary. Shelton questioned the Directors about an infamous Cowboy Caviar, to which all replied it was a must have staple in the hospitality room.

C.) DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

- Vaughan thanked the Rodeo Royalty for their amazing job representing us. She said she is still recovering from Chivalry and voiced her concern about the utility costs from the event. Vaughan said utilities tripled from the previous year. She acknowledged Foley's offer of a 20% utility adjustment in the amount of \$467.05. Vaughan agreed that raising vendor utility costs from \$75.00 to \$150.00 will help with next year's costs.
- Shelton gave a very detailed update on our social media activity since contracting with Converse Concepts. He shared increases across the board; increased interactions, viewing, sharing and followers on both Instagram and Facebook.
- Wass shared an exciting personal development, a career change. She will now be based in Mariposa. Wass will also be fulfilling her civic duty on the Grand Jury.
- Phillips stated Made in Mariposa will be hosting a workshop to aid in photo mounting. He said the flyer is available online and he was going to make it shareable. Phillips commented on his health and noted he is at the mercy of his physician.
- Richards had nothing to share.
- Williams wanted to reiterate the importance of no dogs, unless they are registered service animals. He also reminded the Directors that wheeled sports are prohibited on the grounds: no skateboards, bicycles or scooters. He encouraged fellow Directors to limit their time in the office, especially at 3PM on Sunday when the Rodeo meets for important show information and business reviews. Williams hopes to see all Directors on Saturday at 2PM in the Strathearn to honor Brian with the Western Fairs Blue Ribbon Award. He ended with encouraging the Board to come to the fair and have a good time!
- Davies had nothing to share.

D.) MANAGERS REPORT:

- Foley said she went in to H & L Lumber to inquire about their rodeo sponsorship. They regretfully said they could no longer continue their support. In light of this unfortunate loss she made the executive decision to name Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds this year's rodeo sponsor. Their recent contributions to cover significant plumbing costs, tree work and swamp cooler pads coupled with their \$7,000.00 promise of payment to SCOPE qualified them as the perfect sponsor for the Sunday night event.
- Foley ordered new floats for the water tank.
- Foley talked about the security system that Friends of the Fairgrounds had paid for and the work had not been completed. She said she will follow up with the FOF to get the system up and running.
- She was happy to report the waterfall is fixed and will be running during fair.
- Foley said the guys have been working hard and seem to be ahead of the game.
- Foley reported that the swine and sheep barns are completely cleared.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion by Richards, Second by Vaughan and carried by roll call of all Directors present to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 PM in memory of Marie Denton: Mom, Grandma, Fair Office Mom, Mom Marie. She was a bright spot, an absolute gem and an amazing lady.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Foley, CEO

Tom Williams, President