

**Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting**  
**October 24<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**GLENN COUNTY FAIR - 42<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Dane Nissen at 6:32 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:**

Directors Present: Dane Nissen, Shirley Ceccon, Candice Pierce, Jacob Chavez, Jerrod Lloyd

Absences include Staci Buttermore, Shannon Douglass, Geoff Bitle

Marie Emery Resigned effective October 15th

Absences Excused by Director Chavez seconded by Director Lloyd, motion carried unanimously

**INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, GUESTS:**

Doyle and Nora Shippelhoue, Betty Skala, Jaime Edwards, Chris Sifter, Robert Carter, Bonnie Hawkinson, Barbara Crain, Al Calience, Kialynne Morehouse, Gene Robinson, Gailleynn Rotherham, RuthAnn Mandella, Larry Mandella, Tom Johnson, Lisa Pallow, Tim Pedrozo, Richard Hood, Ryan Edson, Amy Fretas, April Wood, Kathy Bartels, Miki Martin, Bill Irvin, Joanie Woods, Greg Woods, Dann Trammel, Janeen Trammel, Mike Newman, Scott Bambauer, Sharon Martin

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

President Dane Nissen rejected the August board minutes, would like them amended so there is no ambiguity as to the boards intentions regarding the future of the train on the Glenn County Fairgrounds, that the meeting was exploratory, and the board was looking for information to make an educated decision.

Moved by Director Chavez and seconded by Director Lloyd, motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion to accept made by Director Pierce, seconded by Director Lloyd, motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Board reviewed the financial statements. AP and AR were reviewed. CEO Newman brought the board and guests attention to the cash flow chart that is a snap shot of the fairs assets and liabilities. She pointed out that in April of 2015 there was a negative balance in the operating fund. Currently the fair is in a much better financial situation. The fair was forced to use its LAIF account to get through the 2015 fair and then completed five years' worth of back audits. The fair then received three years of retroactive state funding. Director Lloyd moved to accept the financials and Director Ceccon seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none

**Closed Session:** The board met in closed session regarding the pending litigation. They opted to take no action at this time.

**Richard Hood & the Orland Raceway:**

Richard Hood gave a rundown of his 2017 season stating that their nightly average had increased dramatically, and he was interested in renewing his contract with a few amendments the approval of the board. Director Nissen moved to postpone this decision until the revisions were made and seconded by Director Pierce, motion carried unanimously.

**RuthAnn Mandella and the ONP Railroad & Train:**

Ruth Ann shared multiple letters with the board and CEO. One briefly answering questions that the board requested to consider possibly creating a contract with the train crew.

**Tom Johnson and the ONP Railroad & Train:** Tom shared his long-standing relationship as the train master with the ONP railway. He stated that the train and track are not in disrepair and that he would like to continue working on the train. He stated that he wasn't a certified welder but had been one years ago. He stated his frustration at the miscommunication about the train.

**CEO Train:**

The CEO gave an overview of the train issues, including the concerns for safety and maintenance. She shared that she was very frustrated and dismayed with the current representatives of the train. The poor communication and hostility around the issue was unwarranted and had led to unnecessary bad publicity for the fair and delays to repair the train. CEO Newman demonstrated that the train was not self-sufficient currently but recognized it was an asset to the fair. Director Lloyd made a motion to keep the train in operation if it was able to meet all the requirements set forth by DOSH. The board pointed out that there was approximately \$14,000 earmarked for train repairs. This was seconded by Director Nissen and approved unanimously. Director Lloyd moved to create a request for proposal from any group or organization that might be interested in operating the train this was seconded by Director Nissen and the board unanimously approved. Director Nissen formally appointed Director Douglass and Pierce to a committee that would gather information and help create an RFP and communicate back to the board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FORUM:**

Tom Johnson spoke about the repairs that needed to be done. Trish Saint Evans spoke about Orland's new Bee city designation and hopes that the fair and board will help the city to promote this new title and possibly one day host a festival on the grounds. Vangie Porras hoped that the fair could increase still exhibits by taking paper entries at the office. Scott Bambauer hoped that the community could come together to support the train and wanted to thank the current volunteers for their efforts. Becky Brummet asked to dispense letters to the board that had been created by Mill Street Students in support of the train. Nora Shippelhoute read notes that she had transcribed from the August meeting and stated that she and Doyle did not share the inaccurate information with the media.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

CEO Newman said lots of good things were happening at the fair with the Innovations in Ag Conference and the Gala planning was in full swing.

Maintenance Supervisor Doyle Shippelhoute stated that he had been on vacation. He had installed turf in front of the Wool building and was going to reface the building as it was in total disrepair.

**DIRECTORS CLOSING COMMENTS:**

Director Pierce stated that she had met with the Rancho Capay Women's Club to increase still entries in the fair. Director Chavez stated that the train needs to support itself in the future and operate safely, that he thinks this can be achieved. No other Directors had comments

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42PM.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD: November 21st**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ryann Newman, CEO, Glenn County Fair

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(s) Ryann Newman  
CEO, Glenn County Fair

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(s) Dane Nissen  
President, Board of Directors