

**Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting**  
**February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**  
**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 6:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:**

Directors Present: Dane Nissen, Candice Pierce, Jacob Chavez, Shannon Douglass, Geoff Bittle

Absences include, Staci Buttermore, Shirley Ceccon, Jerrod Lloyd

Absences excused by Director Bittle seconded by Director Douglass, voted in unanimously

**INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, GUESTS:**

Kalia Nixon, Doyle Shipplehoute, Nora, Shipplehoute, Chris Sifter, Al Colonica, Robin Peterson, Becky Brummett, Andrew, Richard Hood, Miki Martin

**APPROVE MINUTES, CONSENT CALENDAR, AGREEMENTS.:**

President Dane Nissen reviewed the November board minutes, bank statements in lieu of financials and agreements. They were approved unanimously with no changes or amendments. CEO Newman stated that CFSA had not finished preparing January's financials, but she would make them available as soon as they were completed. Director Douglass first, Director Chavez seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

CEO Newman gave the board the expected timeline for the repaving of the main parking lot. It should be completed on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. CEO Newman brought up the sound complaint in relation to the swap meet held every Saturday that the board had discussed in November. Our first solution of talking to the owner has not produced adequate results. The board may need to reconsider this issue.

**JLC Evaluation and Review:**

CEO Newman read the minutes for the February JLC meeting for the board to review. No rules or policies were changed or needed approval. The JLC is in the final stages of planning for the 2018 fair and are just wrapping up duties and details. The JLC is considering options for a project in the barn area.

**Tree Harvest Festival:**

CEO Newman wanted to bring the details on a Cannabis Fest to the boards attention. She shared that there had been a few requests for events relating to the sale and or use of Cannabis. Mrs. Newman wanted clarity from the board if they would like to entertain or pursue these kinds of events at The Glenn County Fair. The board decided that at this time they were not interested. The laws remain ambiguous and this kind of event was not in line with the mission and image the fair is trying to project to the public.

**Train Committee Report:**

The board was presented with a comprehensive budget by train representative Al Colonica. The board reviewed the budget and approved the amount \$7,421.00 as a workable budget to rebuild the 220 ties that need to be replaced and to install the brake system and meet the requirements that are specified by the DOSH consult. The board wants Senior Maintenance to keep an accurate log of hours worked on the train. Al Colonica scheduled the inspection for April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Entertainment:**

CEO Newman shared with the board the entertainment lineup for the 2018 fair. The entertainment lineup is a strong group of seasoned quality entertainers. Buck Ford, Michael Furlong Band, Nancy Reiglers Bird show, turkey races, Puzzle mania, Bugology, Roberto The Great, Washboard Willy and local entertainers Oliver Moore, Jazz Rescue and Willows Bluegrass Band.

**Parade:**

CEO Newman shared that at no time had the fair expressed an interest in running the Chamber of Commerce's Fair parade the week of the annual fair. CEO Newman had gone to the Chamber and requested that they might consider change the time that the parade was held so that the parade did not overlap the Junior Livestock Auction. This conflict forced community members to decide to support only one event and did not allow the livestock exhibitors the opportunity to participate. The fair received a letter from the Chamber stating that they did not want to host the parade on Friday and did not have the volunteer staff to continue running the parade. The fair did not want to see the parade discontinue but was also short staffed. Two board members created a committee and ran the 2017 parade. It was well attended and had many floats. Misinformation that the fair took possession or tried to control the parade created negative public relations. The fair

was not interested in being responsible for this event on the week of fair. It was in the interest of continuing the tradition that the fair hosted the 2017 parade.

The fair reached out to the chamber and was informed they are in a similar position for the 2018 parade. Unfortunately, the board is not sure if they have the volunteers and resources to continue to host this event. Board member Candice Pierce is going to look into what kind of help the fair can get from service groups and volunteers and revisit the topic at the March Board meeting.

**Cattlemen's Day:**

The Cattlemen and Cattlewomen groups are meeting on Thursday to decide if they will be continuing with this event as the original promoter is no longer available.

**Friends of The Fair Benefit Dinner:**

The board was updated on the foundation dinner that shares the fairs theme "What's All The Buzz About?". CEO Newman hoped that the board would participate and attend.

**Derby:**

Richard Hood has been confirmed as both our race and derby promoter. He shared the classes that would be racing and participating in the derby. Mr. Hood asked the board to consider reinvesting the purse money from the 80's and newer class to the drivers as an incentive to drive aggressively.

**Hiring Process-New CEO:**

CEO Ryann Newman addressed the board and thanked them for allowing her the opportunity to be the Glenn County Fair CEO for the past three years. As a result of a business opportunity and the hardship of a two-hour commute Mrs. Newman submitted her verbal resignation.

The board was instructed by Kalia Nixon of The California Department of Food and Agriculture, on the proper procedure for creating a resolution to instate a limited term CEO. Immediately following board member Bittle moved to appoint Miki Martin as interim CEO this was seconded by director Douglass and unanimously agreed upon by the board.

**Closed Session:**

This portion was cancelled as there were no recent developments on pending litigation.

**Directors Closing Comments:**

Director Chavez thanked Mrs. Newman for all her efforts and apologized for the hostility that she experienced in her role as CEO. Director Pierce thanked CEO Newman and thanked her for her efforts and wished her luck in her new endeavor, Director Douglass thanked CEO Newman for reminding the board that the fair should be run like a business, Director Bittle thanked CEO Newman and wished her well, President Nissen thanked CEO Newman for the dramatic changes and results over the past three years and stated that he was really going to miss Mrs. Newman's husband Mike.

**Staff Reports:**

Doyle stated that he helped briefly at the Colusa farm show and their numbers were down. He stated he was working on completing the wool building residing project.

CEO Newman thanked the board again for the amazing opportunity to be the CEO of the Glenn County Fairgrounds and encouraged them to remember to be a strong advocate for the fairgrounds.

**Suggestions for Future Agenda Item:**

Parade, Noise Complaint, Derby purse decision.

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD: March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm**

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