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## **Board Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2020**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Jacob Chavez at 6:34 pm

### **ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:**

Directors Chavez, Bittle, Douglass, Pierce, Hutson and Mudd were all present.

### **INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, GUESTS:**

Zoom call – 69 community members were on the call.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

March Board Minutes and Financial Statements were reviewed. CEO Martin brought to the Boards attention that in the month of March the Fair lost just a little over \$10,000 as no revenues were currently coming in. Director Douglass moved to approve to approve the consent calendar, Director Mudd seconded. Directors Chavez, Bittle, Douglass, Pierce, Hutson and Mudd all voted in favor and none in the negative.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion/Action on Junior Livestock Auction Alternatives: Rebecca Desmond, Executive Director of California Fair Services Authority (CFSA), spoke to the Board as the Fair's insurance provider. She stated from the insurer stand point, in a perfect world Fairs would not hold gatherings of any kind for any reason on the Fairgrounds. With that being said, she understands the importance of the Youth Livestock Exhibitors. She recommended we follow local public health guidelines, CDFA's Standard Operating Procedures and utilize the Release of Liability Waivers provided by CFSA. She brought up what happens if some sues the Fair related to COVID-19 and said it would depend on the situation if there was coverage or not. If there is no coverage then the Fair would be on the hook for the incident. Rebecca then opened it up to questions from the Board.

CEO Martin asked Director Bittle & Mudd to give the report from the Ad-Hoc Committee. Director Bittle discussed the Committee's recommendation to use SOnline for both a show & sale as this option was the cheapest and most willing to work with the Fair. CEO Martin and Director Bittle went over the procedures relating to collecting livestock and shipping to processors. Shipping would happen over a two day period after the sale was complete. Directors then had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions regarding animals weights, handling the public, trucking schedules, animal care and required number of staff and volunteers. CEO Martin brought additional letters to the Boards attention, one from the Glenn County Public Health supporting the auction and additional letters from the public. Discussion was then opened up to the public:

Rachel Tanson, 4-H Leader & FFA parent, expressed her willingness to assist in moving livestock to the fair. Britt Grimmsman thanked everyone for their hard work and expressed her personal dedication to the support of the Ad Hoc Committee's work. She stated that the youth of our county is our biggest investment. From her conversations, the kids are not concerned with a financial loss but more so the loss of the experience of showing and selling at the Fair. She felt moving forward with a virtual show & sale would create a new opportunity for the kids and the community is behind the online sale. But she also understands the Fair's concern with the liability aspect. Christina Ward agreed with Britt that the community wants to support the kids through an online auction. No one wants to put the Fair or the public at risk but following the CDFA guidelines would help mitigate the risk. Heather Chavez spoke up sharing that she has been very vocal about not having anything. In the plan, the kids are not involved in the shipping process at all. She stated that the effects of COVID-19 are effecting everyone and nothing is normal right. She felt as though this could be a great lesson to teach the kids. She shared that there is just too much risk associated in the Ad Hoc Committees plan and felt private sales would be a better

plan. Director Bittle countered, saying that the kids would be involved with the virtual show. That there is risk involved in everything we do everyday and this would give the kids something to do. Christina Ward stated there would be risk associated with private sales too. Director Douglass stated that kids can learn from private sales too, it is a great opportunity for them to learn to market themselves as an individual. She felt as though the decision made tonight would not effect the kids not being able to sell their animals. The decision the Board needs to be making is what is best for the Fair. Director Bittle said other Fairs are finding solutions so we can too. Director Douglass stated that the Board needed to be thinking about the potential long term effects of this decision. Director Pierce thanked everyone for their hard work on this proposal and stated that she does not want to give up on the kids but the board has the think of the Fair first. Leana Stoltenburg stated that she has been an insurance agent for 10 years and that the Fair is taking the same risk leaving the front gate open. Josh Hiatt, Board Member for Agfest in San Joaquin County, stated they are using their local livestock yard to ship and that by not having anything this year, we are risking those 4-H and FFA programs for future years. Luis Zaragosa asked about the possibility of having something offsite and Mat Schager shared that the Orland Livestock Yard is willing to assist with shipping. CEO Martin responded that if it is a Fair sponsored auction it needs to be shipped from the Fair. The Fair would still be liable for everything offsite without having any general liability coverage. Mark Kampmann asked if the Board could wait another couple of weeks to make a decision.

Director Bittle moved that the Fair move forward with a virtual show & sale with following local & state public health and CDFA's guidelines, Director Hutson seconded. Director Douglass asked how a virtual show would be fair as some first-year kids might not have the ability to fit their animals without help or the correct equipment. She stated that she might consider helping the kids with an auction but was hesitant to approve the motion with the show option. Director Bittle said he was also hesitant on the show in the beginning but has come around to it as it gives the kids an opportunity for the kids to still participate and learn. Christine Kampmann, 4-H Rep., felt this option would give kids the best opportunity to learn. Director Pierce asked if Director Bittle would consider splitting his motion apart as there would be no libality in a virtual show. Director Bittle wished to not change his motion. Allison Piendo, a freshman at Orland High School, stated she felt the community was standing behind the kids. Christina reported a group of kids were all ready to put together a show tutorial. Director Chavez asked for the Board members to cast their vote. Directors Bittle, Hutson & Mudd voted in favor of the motion, Directors Chavez, Douglass and Pierce voted against the motion. As per Bagley-Keene, a tie vote results in a "no vote", motion failed. Director Hutson made a motion to strike show from the previous motion, Director Bittle seconded. Directors Bittle, Mudd, Hutson voted in favor or the motion, Directors Chavez, Douglass & Pierce voted against the motion. As per Bagley-Keene, a tie vote results in a "no vote", motion failed.

#### **ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Fair Funding: CEO Martin presented the Board with the necessary documents to be eligible to receive funds from AB 1499.
  1. Director Douglass made a motion to approve the attached resolution, Director Hutson seconded. Directors Chavez, Bittle, Douglass, Pierce, Hutson and Mudd all voted in favor and none in the negative. Motion passed.
  2. Director Bittle moved to approve the attached MOU from CDFA, Director Douglass seconded. Directors Chavez, Bittle, Douglass, Pierce, Hutson and Mudd all voted in favor and none in the negative. Motion passed.
  3. Director Douglass moved to approve the Contracting Polices & Procedures as presented, Director Bittle seconded. Directors Chavez, Bittle, Douglass, Pierce, Hutson and Mudd all voted in favor and none in the negative. Motion passed.
  4. Director Mudd moved to approve the Required Employee Work Conditions Policy as presented, Director Hutson seconded. Directors Chavez, Bittle, Douglass, Pierce, Hutson and Mudd all voted in favor and none in the negative. Motion passed.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

- a. CEO Martin reported that Maintenance had been working on some painting projects and other low priority projects during the down time.
- b. CEO Martin stated she knew that the outcome of this meeting was a disappointment for everyone and hoped we could continue to work together to make 2021 the best year yet.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS:**

- a. Director Douglass echoed CEO Martin. She stated the Fair would support in whatever way we could and through out the possibility of a fall community festival where a 2020 Miss Glenn County could be

crowned and other activities could happen. Director Bitle thanked the community for their help. Director Pierce stated she was appreciative of all the ideas and the work done by the ad hoc committee. Director Hutson thanked everyone who showed up & provided input and agreed that a fall festival was a great idea. Director Chavez also agreed that having a fall festival would be good. Director Mudd had no comment.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting was adjourned 8:20 PM.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD: May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

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(s) Miki Martin  
CEO, Glenn County Fair

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(s) Jacob Chavez  
President, Board of Directors