

Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting
August 15th, 2017
GLENN COUNTY FAIR - 42nd 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 Geoff Bitle, Shirley Ceccon, Candice Pierce, Marie Emery, Staci Buttermore
Jerrod Lloyd and Shannon Douglass
Absences include Jacob Chavez

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, GUESTS:

Doyle and Nora Shipplehoute,

PUBLIC COMMENT FORUM:

No comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion to accept made by Director Pierce, seconded by Director Bitle. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none

Financial Report:

The board reviewed the financials. Director pierce asked for more information on a payment to Loren Kemper. CEO Newman shared that the fair had the opportunity to purchase 27 horns and 3 PA systems at an incredibly discounted price as Mr. Kemper was retiring.

CEO Newman spoke to the fair board about the fact that the fair is in a much better financial place then it was two years ago now. Mrs. Newman shared that she is incredibly proud that the fair has been increasing its operating funds reserves while making many notable improvements to the grounds. The financials were approved unanimously.

Any Remaining Fair Wrap Up:

The board is still interested in reviewing the terminal sale option for our auction. If it is decided that the sale will include live pick up the board would like to suggest using one processor to streamline the hog load out process. They stated that there is not enough volunteer staff to facilitate a safe, humane, stress free load out. It was decided that both processors should be informed of this decision and have the opportunity to speak to the board during public comment at an open session meeting if they have any concerns.

Security requirements:

This agenda item was tabled for further discussion when director Chavez could be present in October.

Asphalt Project:

CEO Newman stated that CDFA would be assisting in the process of acquiring our deferred maintenance funding. They charge an administrative fee and are responsible for scoping and bidding the contract. The goal is to complete this project by 2018 fair.

Storm Workers:

The storm workers grant has begun. The fair has interviewed and hired four employees. The goal is to use these employee's services for a six-month period at no charge to the fair to repair wear and tear caused by the storm damage from 2017. The employees will garner education and experience that will make them more hireable when they go back into the workforce.

Avenue of Lights:

CEO Newman shared that the Avenue of Lights annual rental contract is in limbo due to a lack of staffing.

Train:

CEO Newman shared with the board that it is time to thoughtfully consider the future of the ONP Railroad. While Newman acknowledges it is a unique attraction with historical and sentimental relevance to our community, the railroad is in disrepair. The actual track is supported by wood ties in the ground and a large number of these have rotted away and do not provide the support that is necessary to hold the track in place. This resulted in multiple derailments at fair time which meant that the train was only in operation approximately 50% of the fair. The train itself is also in disrepair and needs to be serviced. Without a significant investment, the train cannot be brought back to running order. The other consideration is the revenue produced by the railroad. In 2016 the train made approx. \$4,000. And \$3500 was put back into track and engine repair. In 2017 the train made \$1,193.00 during the run of the fair, due to it not being able to operate. There is also a lack of able staff to run the train in a volunteer capacity. The board is open to considering alternative uses for the land the train is currently located on, for example a year-round RV. Park facility. The board would like to keep the community well informed.

Foundation:

The fair was incredibly grateful for the generous donation of 16 animals at our 2017 Jr livestock auction the committee is planning to hold a drive thru carnitas feed September 27th. CEO Newman has requested assistance from the board in marketing the tickets and hanging fliers as the foundation has a limited number of volunteers. It was brought to the CEO's attention that 4H has created a new drive thru carnitas fundraiser dinner the following week.

Innovation In Ag. Conference

CEO Newman shared with the board that the IIA conference has been created to develop an off season interim event that the fair can produce revenue from. CEO Newman shared that this year will be crucial to the longevity of the event. Most of the exhibitors and speakers were satisfied with the content of the 2016 conference but would need to realize a greater attendance in 2017 to justify their involvement in future events. CEO Newman has requested the boards help in marketing and promoting the November 7th and 8th event.

Staff Reports:

CEO Newman had no further comments
Maintenance supervisor Doyle Shipplehoute also had no comments.

DIRECTORS CLOSING COMMENTS:

Director Pierce suggested that we move the Security agenda item to the October meeting to give director Chavez the opportunity to comment, Director Cecon suggested that we allow the community access to all of the information pertaining to the future of the miniature railroad, Director Lloyd suggested investigating other uses for the area that currently houses the large steam engine as he does not think it is the best use of that space. The remaining directors had no comment.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD: October 24th There will be no meeting in September

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryann Newman, CEO, Glenn County Fair

(s) Ryann Newman
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(s) Dane Nissen
President, Board of Directors