

**49TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 22, 2018**

The meeting was held in the Little Theater Building of the 49th District Agricultural Association.

Local media including radio, newspaper and television were notified of this meeting and were sent copies of the agenda.

President McDowell called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Directors Bogner, Brown, Chauvin, Hansen, Hopkins, McDowell, McQueen, Rosenthal, and Turner.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: No Absentees.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Snider, Jeff O'Neal, Sally Long, NCRA, Jeff Moore, Paradise Skate, John Dowell, Jill Crane, Jr Livestock Chair, Blair Aiken, North Coast Racing Assoc., Valarie Sullivan, North Coast Racing, Ms Mitchell, NCRA, Bill Himenes, NCRA President, Jennifer Seward, Redwood Empire Fair, CEO, Kalia Mitchell, CDFa, and several other members of the community.

REQUESTED TIME BEFORE THE BOARD:

1. There was no comment from 4-H & FFA representatives
2. NCRA representative Bill Himenes reported they will have a few changes to the tentative racing schedule.

PUBLIC INPUT: Discussion ensued by several different attendees concerning why NCRA is representing Furia Motorsports and vice versa. CDFa representative instructed the board and the meeting attendees that public input is not for discussion but for comments that may be considered by the board and possibly added to the next meeting agenda if it is deemed necessary by two or more directors.

Jill Crane, Jr Livestock Chair, extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Jr Livestock Judges Seminar in Fresno, CA.

DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next regular Board meeting will be February 26th, and March 26th, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Authorization for new CEO to sign contracts up to \$15,000 for 2018.

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Director Chauvin made a motion to approve. Director Turner seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

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- 2. Authorization for new CEO to sign checks up to \$15,000 for 2018.** Director McQueen and Director Hansen seconded the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Hopkins initiated discussion concerning outstanding invoices for the Livestock Auction. The auction is being audited and it is hoped it will be completed by the February Board Meeting. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Director Bogner, seconded by Director Chauvin, and carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Appointment of Committees was tabled by the Board President until the next regular meeting.

Committee Reports. There was some discussion on the new budget, the Finance Committee will meet with CEO, Conkle for more discussion. All other reports are tabled until next regular meeting.

Discussion of RFP 2018-1 and the awarding of the current contract of Lakeport Speedway. Blair Aiken initiated discussion concerning the contract, questioning why he was not awarded the contract. He wants the names of those on the scoring committee because he believes he should have out-scored Furia Motorsports. He gave copies of his paperwork to the board. He voiced many complaints. He stated DGS dismissed his protest. He gave the board his history with the Lakeport Speedway.

Kalia from CDFA stated because of possible litigation in a closed session, he should not be questioning the committee in the open board meeting.

Director Brown stated he believes the board should have a closed session on the matter once the board hears all Mr. Aiken has to say. Director Bogner informed the board they should not enter into discussion with Mr. Aiken. The board's function currently is to listen only.

Mr. Aiken continued to question the board concerning how he lost the bid on the contract and the rental practices of the fairgrounds. He continued expound on his racing experience.

Director Hopkins stated she would like a list of every question, so they may be answered. CDFA representative, Kalia stated any questions should be submitted in writing to the CEO who will look them over and submit them to the Board of Directors. Mr. Aiken began speaking over CDFA representative, Kalia.

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Director McDowell reviewed with Mr. Aiken if has more questions than he has put in the presented paperwork he needs to submit them in writing to CEO, Conkle. Mr. Aiken continued to question the board.

Director McDowell opened the floor for anyone who had comment on what was discussed. Three people made brief comments voicing their concern for the speedway.

Blair Aiken started discussion concerning Equine and Wine Event he attended. He spoke of discussions he had with people who were not happy with the fairgrounds for having races and not hosting horse events. Mr. Aiken changed discussion to NCRA and complaints about them. Mr. Aiken was instructed to stay on topic.

Valerie Sullivan commented on Mr. Aiken's efforts in putting in his proposal and stated she doesn't think the procedures have been handled fairly.

A gentleman requested to know when the questions Blair Aiken submitted will be discussed. He was told they will be discussed in a closed session. Director Brown stated because racing is to begin soon, a meeting should be scheduled quickly.

Mr. Aiken asked if he would need to submit the questions in writing. Director McDowell told him she was unable to keep track of all his questions, so it would be helpful to have them in writing. CDFA representative, Kalia stated questions should be submitted to CEO, Courtney Conkle who will submit them to CDFA. The CEO will be given guidance through CDFA Legal and Mr. Aiken will be working directly with them.

A gentleman voiced his concern with the property on the raceway and what is NCRA property or fairgrounds property.

Redwood Empire CEO, Jennifer Seward stated she is looking forward to working with Courtney and is happy to help her out any way she can.

CEO'S REPORT

CEO Conkle reported she attended the Western Fairs Association Conference.

CEO Conkle reported the LED Lighting done through the PG&E Grant should be completed in time for the Fair.

CEO Conkle reported she has been working on getting the Fair Revenue Protection money for 2017.

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CEO Conkle has been working on the Fair Time Entertainment for 2018. She requested any suggestions or thoughts be submitted by the end of next month.

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CEO Conkle discussed the need for Cannabis Policy research. An ad hoc committee will be formed to work on a policy.

CEO Conkle reported the Deferred Maintenance Grant is moving forward. We should have new doors by June or July 2018.

CEO Conkle reported Lakeport Pizza has not paid any rent. She spoke with the Health Department and learned he will not be allowed to open. Steps have been taken to evict Lakeport Pizza. A short discussion ensued.

CEO Conkle reported the Boy Scouts have a program they will begin in March they will be doing some cleanup and landscaping at the C Street entrance, Barty's Café and the Main entrance.

CEO Conkle reported the Lewis Hall restroom renovations should be completed within the next month and a half. There has been some discussion with Jeff from Paradise skate about having a Fair Foundation Skating Party as a fund raiser.

CEO Conkle reported the Little Theater is in the process of being repainted. It is nearly completed.

CEO Conkle reported we are doing a full audit of the Jr Livestock Auction to ensure everything is good for the STOP report.

CEO Conkle reported the budget report was tabled last month. She will make it an action item on the agenda for our regular February meeting. CEO Conkle explained there was a formula within the budget that wasn't populating correctly.

MEETINGS

CEO Conkle reported meeting with the Ag and Natural Resource Committee. 1500 children are expected to attend.

CEO Conkle reported she attended the Fair Foundation Meeting.

CEO Conkle reported meeting with our CFFA representative, Chandler Wright concerning past reports needing to be addressed.

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CEO Conkle reported meeting with Christy Gentry who will act as our new marketing/publicist. She will have a formal marketing contract with the Fair. She will be doing some Pro Bono work for the Fair Foundation.

FUTURE ITEMS

CEO Conkle reported the 2nd Annual AG Day will be held March 15th. Some discussion ensued.

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CEO Conkle reported the Fair Office will be closed February 19, 2018.

CEO Conkle reported the Junior Livestock Committee will meet Thursday, January 25th. Some discussion ensued concerning the JLA financial reports and audit. CEO Conkle reported we have a temporary person, Judy Gatton, who is assigned to work on this specifically.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS:

- January and February Calendars of Events
- WFA New Executive Director, Sarah Cummings

There was discussion concerning if a closed session should be scheduled or if it should be an emergency meeting. There was also discussion about the time needed to address Mr. Aiken's questions. It was decided there were no grounds for an emergency meeting. They decided on a tentative closed session Friday, February 2nd at 3:30.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 6:r0pm

VOTING RESULTS

Director's votes were all unanimous. Individual votes listed below.

DIRECTOR	Bogner	Brown	Chauvin	Hansen	Hopkins	McDowell	McQueen	Rosenthal	Turner
VOTE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Abstain									

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Conkle, CEO

Date

Kat McDowell, President

Date