

**44TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – April 24, 2024
COLUSA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Directors Terry Bressler, Jolyn Campbell, Laurie Costa, Micheal Doherty, Tony Garofalo, Sue Gibbs, Victor Matamoros, Walt Seaver and Jamie Traynham.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Director Bressler called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and determined the requirements of a quorum were met.

II. ROLL CALL

All Directors were present.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was made by Director Matamoros and seconded by Director Traynham approving the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Matamoros made a motion to approve the March 2024 minutes as presented. Director Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Reimbursements
Financial reports
Disbursements
Standard/Contract Agreements
Rentals
Concessions
Exhibitors

Director Doherty made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Traynham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Independent Presentations

No action taken.

B. 2024 Junior Livestock Show

Director Doherty made a motion to approve the late Independent Exhibitor registration request submitted by Madisyn Kelly. The approval is contingent upon proof of insurance and completed registration paperwork submitted to

the Fair Office no later than Friday, April 26, 2024, at 5:00pm. Director Matamoros seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED. AYES: Vice Chair: Matamoros, Director Campbell, Director Costa, Director Doherty, Director Garafalo, Director Gibbs, Director Seaver and Director Traynham. NAYES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.

C. 2024 Fair

No action taken.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. CEO Ford reported both maintenance vehicles are beyond repair. She will find an affordable replacement vehicle before fair time.
2. CEO Ford reported she and the office staff attended the CDFA Nuts & Bolts training at the Yolo County Fair.
3. CEO Ford reported the CFSA pre-event inspection had been completed by Lesly Wade. A report of any items that need to be addressed will be provided within the next two weeks.
4. CEO Ford reported that all events with an attendance of 250 guests or more must have a site map sent to the Fire Marshall for review and approval before a permit will be issued.
5. CEO Ford reported that Fair ticket sales will begin on May 1st online, in the fair office and local businesses throughout Colusa County.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Colusa County Fair Foundation – Director Doherty reported the Fair Foundation will not be hosting a fundraising event during the Fair this year. They will present the Heritage Awards during the auction. The Foundation would like to enter a rental contract with the 44th DAA for use of the Youth Building Courtyard on Wednesday evening of Fair week for a social reception hour for its members. Director Doherty announced the Fair Foundation would like to paint the Stagehands building. The estimated cost of painting the building is \$6,000.

B. Farm Show Committee – Nothing to report.

C. Junior Livestock Show Committee – Nothing to report.

D. Buildings and Grounds Committee – Director Garafalo proposed that the 44th DAA ask the Fair Foundation for funds for a golf cart or vehicle for the maintenance crew. He also inquired about electric vehicles and perhaps there may be a program with the State of California.

E. Junior Fair Board Committee- Director Traynham reported the next meeting will May 6th at 6:00pm. The buckle and banners have been ordered.

F. Financial Committee – Nothing to report.

G. Pageants Committee –Director Gibbs reported the applicant count for Miss and Mini Miss Colusa County. Director Costa reported the Pageant Committee met to discuss the expenses involved in setting up and removing the pageant stage, the lighting, sound, dressing trailer, staff wages, etc. Director Costa stated that she and Director Gibbs were working on pageant stage sponsorships.

X. DIRECTORS REQUESTS

Nothing to report/No action taken.

XI. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

Director Bressler- No comment.

Director Campbell – Would like a status on the livestock rv waitlist. She also asked why the fair ice person does not sell to the livestock rv trailers. Director Campbell updated the Board on the status of the new website and proposed launch date.

Director Costa – Had a few questions about when the website, and fair tickets will be live. She liked the sponsor highlights posted on Facebook. Director Costa attended all 6 showings of The Odd Couple presented by Stagehands. She suggested that the current buildings on the grounds should have better signage indicating the building name.

President Doherty – No comment.

Director Garofalo – He attended The Odd Couple play and enjoyed it. Director Garofalo mentioned there are community members that are upset about the “mass mailing” of sponsorship opportunity packets sent out by the Fair CEO. He stated that people where offended they were mailed packets requesting more money be given to the Fair, and CEO Ford could have saved the money she spent on postage and used that elsewhere for Fair business. Also commented that some individuals received several mailings, however stated that may be due to individuals representing several different entities.

Director Gibbs – The Colusa Library has agreed to host the Lego building competition on Kids Day during the Fair. Director Gibbs reported that they are expecting 160 guests for the Senior Lunch. Mark Rablin has offered to pre-order the supplies and assist the Lyons Club for the Senior Lunch.

Director Matamoros – Would like an update on the livestock rv list and layout map.

Director Seaver – No comment.

Director Traynham – No comment.

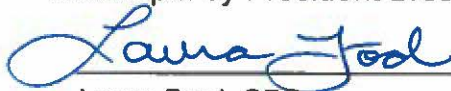
XII. CLOSED SESSION

XIII. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

No action taken

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm by President Bressler.



Laura Ford, CEO

Date



Terry Bressler, Board President

9-4-2024

Date