

**36th District Agricultural Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes DRAFT
655 South First Street
Dixon, CA 95620
June 12, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER - The regular meeting of the 36th District Agricultural Association was held at the Madden Dining Hall; it was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Richard Hamilton.

Flag Salute & Pledge of Allegiance – President Richard Hamilton asked Director Greg Pryor to lead the pledge.

Introduction of Guests No introductions were made

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Richard Hamilton, Director Roy Gill, Director Dana Martin, Director Lloyd McCabe and Director Greg Pryor.

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Director Dana Martin moved, seconded by Director Greg Pryor that the absence of Director Jill Bors-Turner, Director Tom Raycraft and President-Elect Fermin Rubio be excused. President Richard Hamilton, Director Roy Gill, Director Dana Martin, Director Lloyd McCabe and Director Greg Pryor voted in favor of the motion. Director Jill Bors-Turner, Director Tom Raycraft and President-Elect Fermin Rubio, were absent from the vote. (Roll Call Vote)

STAFF PRESENT: Patricia Conklin, CEO & Sandra Bonesteel, Exhibits Representative I

OTHERS PRESENT: Gil Molina - Friends of Dixon May Fair & Bridgette Eldridge – Fairfield Rodriquez FFA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Greg Pryor moved, seconded by Director Lloyd McCabe to approve the agenda as presented. President Richard Hamilton, Director Roy Gill, Director Dana Martin, Director Lloyd McCabe and Director Greg Pryor voted in favor of the motion. Director Jill Bors-Turner, Director Tom Raycraft and President-Elect Fermin Rubio, were absent from the vote. (Roll Call Vote)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Hamilton asked for public comment not on the agenda. Bridgette Eldridge wished to address the board under public comment. Ms. Eldridge told the board she had three issues she wanted to bring to the board's attention, the first being the hiring of judges. She expressed concerns with the apparent arrest of a judge that had judged at previous fairs, Conklin asked for clarification as to if this person she was discussing judged at the 2024 fair, Eldridge indicated that he did not. She wanted to make the point that better screening needs to be done of the judges. Her next issue was the screening of market lambs teeth, she felt that there were market lambs at the fair that were old and there was lack of checking. She pointed out that the California State Rules require market lambs to have lambs teeth. CEO Conklin stated that the fair leaves that to the judge to check the teeth if they feel there is a question as to age. The third issue was drug testing Bridgette stated that the Fair's Exhibit Guidebook stated that champions would be drug tested. CEO Conklin clarified that the book says may be drug tested. Eldridge inquired as to why we do not do it. Conklin replied that it was stopped after COVID due to costs. Eldridge felt it needs to come back and perhaps charge additional entry fees such as \$5.00 per exhibitor to offset the costs. President Hamilton thanked Bridegette for coming and told her that the staff takes into consideration

suggestions and any that need to come to the board usually go to a committee to discuss then it comes back to the board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you card from Arturo Aguirre; Thank you card from Randy Aguirre Jr.; Thank you card from Isabella Aguirre; Thank you card from Hannah Zimbroski; Thank you card from Karol Mejia; Thank you card from Shelby M; Thank you card from Molly Currie and Thank you card from Jessie Means

FRIENDS OF DIXON MAY FAIR REPORT(Informational Item/non-action item)

Gil Molina, president of Friends of Dixon May Fair presented President Richard Hamilton with a belt buckle from the friends commemorating his year as president of the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Lloyd McCabe moved, seconded by Director Greg Pryor that the consent agenda consisting of the April 10, 2024 regular board meeting minutes and the July Interim Rental Agreements (8 total) be approved as presented. President Richard Hamilton, Director Roy Gill, Director Dana Martin, Director Lloyd McCabe and Director Greg Pryor voted in favor of the motion. Director Jill Bors-Turner, Director Tom Raycraft and President-Elect Fermin Rubio, were absent from the vote. (Roll Call Vote)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive & Finance

President Richard Hamilton asked Director Lloyd McCabe to report on the committee meeting held earlier at 5:30 p.m. Director McCabe said he was speechless at how well the Association is doing financially. President Richard Hamilton thanked Lloyd and asked Conklin if she had anything to add. Conklin reported that the Association was in good financial shape which means the roofing projects can proceed. Conklin then reported on the counterfeit \$100 dollar bill received at fairtime and the receivable it created that would have to be written off by the board. President Richard Hamilton told the board that he would entertain two separate motions, one regarding the April & May financial reports and the other for the counterfeit bill receivable. *Director Lloyd McCabe moved, seconded by Director Greg Pryor to approve the April and May 2024 Financials as presented President Richard Hamilton, Director Roy Gill, Director Dana Martin, Director Lloyd McCabe and Director Greg Pryor voted in favor of the motion. Director Jill Bors-Turner, Director Tom Raycraft and President-Elect Fermin Rubio, were absent from the vote. (Roll Call Vote)*

Director Greg Pryor moved, seconded by Director Dana Martin to write-off the \$100 receivable for the counterfeit \$100 bill received at fairtime. President Richard Hamilton, Director Roy Gill, Director Dana Martin, Director Lloyd McCabe and Director Greg Pryor voted in favor of the motion. Director Jill Bors-Turner, Director Tom Raycraft and President-Elect Fermin Rubio, were absent from the vote. (Roll Call Vote)

Discussion/Action Donner Trail Kennel Club bill dispute – request for refund

President Richard Hamilton asked CEO Conklin to report on this item. Conklin reported that after the 2023 Dog show there was damage and the fair billed the club for the damage. The club does not feel they owe the money and were responsible for the damage. According to the letter they sent they would like a total refund of the \$1,000. Conklin discussed the damage and the lack of witnesses as to whom did the damage but it was discovered the day after the RV's left. Director Greg Pryor suggested getting cameras so we can monitor the area during the shows and pass on damages to those that cause it. Conklin discussed the deposit and charges stating that the \$60 fire marshal fee has been paid to the fire marshal and the cones were equipment they used and the trash was an expense. Director Lloyd

McCabe moved, seconded by Director Dana Martin to return the deposit minus the fire marshal bill of \$60, the delineator cones of \$25.50 and the four extra trash bins at \$160.00. *President Richard Hamilton, Director Roy Gill, Director Dana Martin, Director Lloyd McCabe and Director Greg Pryor voted in favor of the motion. Director Jill Bors-Turner, Director Tom Raycraft and President-Elect Fermin Rubio, were absent from the vote. (Roll Call Vote)*

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Action Administration Roof Damage - President Richard Hamilton asked CEO Conklin to report. Conklin reported that CDFR funded the deductible of \$50,000. She further reported that the ceiling still needed to be done.

NEW BUSINESS

A. There were no Items moved from Consent Agenda.

B. Approve the 2025 Fair Dates – May 8th – 11th, 2025. Director Dana Martin moved, seconded by Director Greg Pryor to approve the 2025 fair dates as presented.

C. Report from nominating committee - CEO Conklin reported for Director Tom Raycraft who was absent. She reported that the nominating committee met and nominated President-Elect Fermin Rubio for President; Director Greg Pryor for President-Elect and CEO Conklin for Secretary/Treasurer. Elections would be held at the annual meeting following the regular meeting.

D. Fairtime Refund Requests: CEO Conklin went over the refund request with the board.

1. Jociea Meek- 3 adult admission total \$45.00 – Conklin referenced the letter received from Jociea referencing her request. Questions arose as to cash versus credit card purchase and Conklin referenced an email where it was asked of Jociea and it was cash. Director Greg Pryor asked if there was proof of purchase and Conklin stated there was none and the requestor did not come to the office until the next day to ask for a refund. *Director Dana Martin moved, seconded by Director Greg Pryor to deny the request for a refund of money but offer three courtesy admissions for the 2025 fair. President Richard Hamilton, Director Roy Gill, Director Dana Martin, and Director Greg Pryor voted in favor of the motion. Director Lloyd McCabe voted against the motion stating that no refund or tickets should be granted. Director Jill Bors-Turner, Director Tom Raycraft and President-Elect Fermin Rubio, were absent from the vote. (Roll Call Vote).*

2. Johnsons Woodworks – Outside Vendor Space and RV Spot \$1,390. This item was tabled until a later meeting due to no request in writing has been received from Johnsons Woodworks.

E. Discussion/Action – 2024/2025 Property Insurance – CEO Conklin went over the two proposals for insurance the “Standard Proposal” which cost \$15,975 but offered low coverages for the buildings and the “Optional Proposal” which cost \$40,044 but offered higher coverage rates. Discussion took place. *Director Dana Martin moved, seconded by Director Greg Pryor to pay the \$40,044 for the Optional Proposal. President Richard Hamilton, Director Roy Gill, Director Dana Martin, Director Lloyd McCabe and Director Greg Pryor voted in favor of the motion. Director Jill Bors-Turner, Director Tom Raycraft and President-Elect Fermin Rubio, were absent from the vote. (Roll Call Vote)*

Director’s Fair Overview/Comments

Director Dana Martin – expressed her displeasure with the Demolition Derby in regards to safety. She gave examples of the safety concerns such as small children riding in the cars during the parade of cars; coaching from the berm, teens hanging off of the tractors while the driver went into the arena to remove cars, cars hitting driver’s side doors with no consequences and people leaving their vehicles and staying on the inside of the arena not behind the K-rail. She had a concern that small children were in the pit area. She thought the 80’s car was a success and it allowed more people to participate. She had heard positive comments about that. She thought that Flying U put on a good show.

Director Greg Pryor voiced concerns about the safety of the derby. He was surprised by the lack of consequences for the driver that hit the driver's side door of another participant. He also was surprised by the person coaching another driver from the berm inside the K-rail. He thought overall the fair was great and he had brought his son in laws family who really enjoyed the fair. They all enjoyed the Outlaw Mariachis. He too thought Flying U did a great job.

Director Roy Gill thought it was a great fair.

Director Lloyd McCabe apologized for missing the fair but with his casted leg he only lasted 5 minutes when he did come.

President Richard Hamilton thought it was a great fair and agreed that shows must be safe because the fair holds the liability.

All Directors in attendance complimented Anthony Rosado and the maintenance staff for how the fairgrounds look and are cared for.

CEO Report (Non action items)

- A. Informational report discussing the Administration of the 36th DAA. CEO Conklin reported that the staff was back at it with the day to day operation of the Association as well as cleaning up from the fair.
- B. Informational report on the 2024 fair – CEO Conklin reported the sales gross was \$625,562 with 300 lots. Online ticket sales surpassed last year's figures and it was a good fair.
- C. Informational report discussing the status of Interim Rentals - CEO Conklin told the board that interim events are in full swing with the motorcycle show and swap meet this weekend. July has two events every weekend.
- D. Informational report regarding Fair Industry Related Issues. CEO Conklin reported that the cart bill was pulled for this year due to opposition in a committee. She told the board that it is fair season.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Lloyd McCabe – Thanked Richard for all he has done for the board. He said good job to everyone.

Director Greg Pryor – Thanked the staff for the hard work and thought the fair was awesome.

Director Roy Gill - said that every time he thinks it can't get any better it does.

Director Dana Martin said that we are lucky to have the staff we do because they care.

President Richard Hamilton - said he thought the staff did an outstanding job and he knows we have things to address. Anthony and his crew do a phenomenal job.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

President Richard Hamilton informed the board of the next meeting July 10, 2024, with Executive and Finance Committee Meeting at 5:30, regular meeting at 6 p.m

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Richard Hamilton adjourned the regular meeting at 7:18 p.m. to the Annual Meeting.

Richard Hamilton, President

Date

Patricia Conklin, CEO

Date