

# 14<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association



## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

Established 1885

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting  
2601 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville, CA  
Tuesday, December 15, 2015  
The Board Room

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CALL TO ORDER:** 3:34 PM by President Dietrich

**DIRECTORS PRESENT,** Don Dietrich, President; Loretta Estrada, Director; Jody Belgard, Director; Stuart Yamamoto, Director; Stephanie Fontana, Director; Eric Hammer, Director; Bill Barton; Director; Tony Campos, Director.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** none

**DIRECTORS EXCUSED:** none

**GENERAL MANAGER (GM):** Dave Kegebein

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** The Consent Calendar contained the October 27, 2015 minutes and Contracts. *Director Campos moved, Director Barton seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*

**FINANCIALS:** GM reported a cash balance of about \$400,000 at the end of 2015, which represents about \$100,000 more than the end of 2014. He summarized the fall financials and Statement of Operations report, and the cash flow and credit line status. Nic Kiederling gave an audit update – the review is done and will be available at years' end. He has received responses from the Request for Proposal for 2016-18 auditors and will make a recommendation for board consideration in January. AB 2490 requires two annual reviews of financials by an auditor with a full audit every third year. *Director Yamamoto moved, Director Campos seconded approval of the October and November 2015 financials. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. The Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Foundation (formerly Heritage Foundation) is working on the alcohol licensing with ABC.
2. GM reported that the Stop the Rodeo lawsuit, which was reviewed by the California Supreme Court, has been remanded back to the Superior Court with all issues decided in favor of the Fairgrounds.

3. GM reported on the 2015/16 fair funding noting that the CDFA provided some funding from a needs assessment survey done a year ago. The funding identified \$18,000 towards a water system pump replacement project that has an estimated construction cost of \$50,000 if done by staff.
4. The Regional Water Quality Control Board has concerns regarding the sewer line crossing of Salsipuedes Creek, however an acceptable solution is being worked out.
5. Outdoor lighting work is being done, replacing 50 fixtures per year.
6. A tree nursery is being designed to provide additional trees for the grounds at a reasonable cost.
7. GM reported that thanks to one of our benefactors, the Heritage Hall restroom project is moving along. The sewer line between the Crosetti Building and Heritage Hall is being replaced.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Dietrich presented the Draft Board Policies and Procedures manual compiled by the committee that included Directors Barton, Hammer and Campos, as well as the President. Director Barton commended the President for getting the task completed. GM summarized some of the key updates. President Dietrich requested comments back by the January 26, 2016 board meeting, and it was agreed that a public hearing could reasonably be held in March. *Director Barton moved and Director Estrada seconded the motion that Director comments on the Draft Board Policies and Procedures be received by January 26, 2016 board meeting and a public hearing and adoption be scheduled for the March 22, 2016 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers for 2016. *Director Belgard nominated Director Barton as President. Director Estrada seconded. President Dietrich nominated Director Fontana as Vice President, Director Estrada seconded. Director Belgard nominated Mary Bannister as board appointed recording secretary, Director Fontana seconded. Director Belgard nominated Dave Kegebein to continue as CEO/Treasurer for 2016, Director Fontana seconded. Motion adopting the proposed slate of officers carried unanimously.*

The Board reviewed the list of 2016 meeting dates and times.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was further discussion of the CDFA Deferred Maintenance letter recommending \$18,000 toward water system pump. Directors Hammer and Campos recommend more contact with our elected officials including visits to Sacramento to keep these issues on their radars.

### **REPORTS**

1. Rodgers House News Update – Report is in packet. President Estrada reported that the committee hosted the Piexoto family to a wonderful dinner event that raised \$2,500 for the Ag History Project.
2. Santa Cruz County Fair Heritage Foundation. Lynne Grossi reported that Christmas Fair was well attended and a big success. GM reported that a new financial person has been hired and new board members are needed. The goal is to reach outside of the current Fair Family and find new and varied folks to broaden our network. The Foundation budget this year is \$400,000.
3. Ag History – Lynne Grossi reported that a very successful Second Saturday was held on December 12 – Director Fontana brought Pumpkin, the rabbit, all decked out in her Santa Hat.

**Next Agenda Items Requested - none**

**Next Meetings**

Next Regular Board Meeting Schedule is January 26, 2016 at 1:30 in the Board Room

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

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