

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA MID-STATE FAIR, HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020 VIA CONFERENCE CALL/ZOOM MEETING IN PASO ROBLES, CA. DUE COVID-19 STATE MANDATED MEETING LIMITATIONS.

Present: Directors Baldwin, Boneso, Borjon, Darway, Lacey, Lilley, Sabin, Wheeler-Nichols, Woodruff, and Interim CEO Bojorquez

Guests:

Brenda Fletcher, Heritage Foundation Board Member  
Mike Torgerson, Heritage Foundation Chair  
Deana Nelson, Heritage Foundation CFO  
Denise Stornetta, Heritage Foundation Board Member  
Debbie Dusi, Heritage Foundation Board Member  
Corey Oakley, Helm and Sons Amusements  
Mike Evans, Live Nation  
Jerry Mickelson, JAM Productions  
Brooke Martell, KSBY TV  
Dave Alley, KCOY TV  
Scott Brennan, Paso Robles Daily News  
Dick Mason, KPRL Radio  
Deanna Martin, Shandon FFA Advisor  
Kim Daily, Deputy Manger  
Ricky Brown, Fair Staff  
Tom Keffury, Fair Staff  
Chico Cerda, Fair Staff  
Courtney Lucas, Fair Staff  
Mike Esser, Fair Staff  
Tisha Tucker, Fair Staff  
Sabrina Sakaguchi, Fair Staff  
Caitlin Stanton, Fair Staff  
Savannah Ettestad, Fair Staff  
Merrie Indendi, Fair Staff

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am by President Baldwin. President Baldwin noted that this meeting will be conducted through Zoom per state meeting guidelines due to COVID-19 shelter at home orders.

The flag salute was acknowledged, with no objection to forgo due to the zoom meeting format.

Introduction of Guests:

Director Baldwin acknowledged all guest in attendance.

Approval of Absences:

There were no absences.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

A. 2020 Fair

Discussion:

Director Baldwin asked Directors Borjon and Boneso to report on the recent meeting with the County of San Luis Obispo. Directors Borjon and Boneso stated the meeting was held Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> with San Luis Obispo County Health Office Penny Borenstein, County Counsel Rita Neal, and additional county officials to discuss the Fair. It was reiterated San Luis Obispo County remains under the guidelines set by the State and with no changes imminent for the next 3-4 weeks. Director Boneso said it was clear there would be no way to open Fair this year. Director Borjon said he asked the County if 4-H and FFA exhibitors could show and sell their animals and was informed all events need to fall within the guidelines that currently established which is no more than 10 people in a gathering. Interim CEO Bojorquez commented it didn't sound hopeful unless restrictions are lifted.

It was moved by Director Boneso, seconded by Director Borjon, and unanimously carried to cancel the 2020 Fair due to the Covid-19 pandemic and state restrictions that prohibit mass gatherings.

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstention
Baldwin	X		
Boneso	X		
Borjon	X		
Darway	X		
Lacey	X		
Lilley	X		
Sabin	X		
Wheeler-Nichols	X		
Woodruff	X		

Discussion:

Director Sabin commented this decision is difficult and the Finance Committee has made the recommendation to cancel the Fair. She thanked Directors Boneso and Borjon who met with officials to assure all options were considered. Director Sabin stated the safety of our community is very important and now the Association must to ensure success moving forward.

Director Lacey said the Association is committed to support our Livestock exhibitors.

Director Baldwin stated that a Financial Task Force will be created to review finances and financial options regularly.

Adjournment

With there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

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Respectfully submitted and approved by:

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David Baldwin, President

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Colleen Bojorquez, Interim CEO

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_