

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday – August 6, 2008 5:30 pm
THE BOARD ROOM OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
100 PLACERVILLE DRIVE, PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA.**

PRESENT: O'Halloran, Davis, McGuire, Avery, Owen, Denton, Mackay, Kirk, Forni-Feathers, Stek,
EXCUSED: Pope
ABSENT:
MANAGER: Jody W. Gray
OTHERS: Tom Baker, CCA and Donna O'Halloran

I. CALL TO ORDER:

RECORD VERIFICATION OF LEGAL MEETING NOTICE:

Gray authenticated the verification.

QUORUM REQUIREMENTS MET:

O'Halloran determined that the requirements for a quorum were met.

II. APPROVE AGENDA:

Owen moved that the agenda be approved, Denton seconded; motion carried to approve.

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Owen moved that the minutes be approved, Forni-Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve

IV. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Michael F. Treacy, Director California Department of Food & Agriculture re: Annual Fair Disbursement Report.
- Mary Janssen, El Dorado High School Cougar Band Aides request for a donation of a gift certificate for A Taste of Main Street Fundraiser.
- Evan Williams, Evans American Gourmet Café regarding the Commercial Wine Competition.
- Michael F. Treacy, Director California Department of Food & Agriculture re: June/July 2008 Lightning Fires Update.
- Vicki L. Barber, Ed. D., Superintendent El Dorado County Office of Education congratulations on a successful Fair.
- Foothills Methodist Church thank you for donation to the annual youth outreach program.
- The Hot Rods Band thank you for allowing band to perform at the Fair.
- Michael F. Treacy, Director California Department of Food & Agriculture best of luck for the 2008 Fair.
- Jacob Newberry, the Procrastinators Band really enjoyed playing at the Fair.
- Scott Porter, Hot Rods Band, email thanking for including the band in the Fair.
- George Nielsen, Chief of Police, Placerville Police Department recapping Placerville Police Department statistics related to the 2008 Fair.
- El Dorado County Mental Health thanking for the donation of Fair tickets.
- Sundance Spas & Health thank you for hosting the Fair.
- Sourdough Slim thank you for including Sourdough Slim in this Fair's lineup.

- Dave Hurley, Kitchen Craft International thank you for allowing Kitchen Craft to participate in the 2008 Fair.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Baker, CCA, Photovoltaic System Update, and Explanation.

Baker recapped the history of the El Dorado County Fair Photovoltaic System Project and financing difficulties. After a question and answer period, Gray requested the Finance Committee as well as herself audit the project at CCA. In addition to agreeing to the audit, Baker also agreed to reduce the project amount by any errors are found.

The amended agreement adds an additional \$326,001 to the cost of the project, from \$731,537 to \$1,063,539. Avery moved to accept the agreement with O'Halloran and Gray both signing the agreement. Davis seconded.

O'Halloran called for a roll call vote:

Davis	Yea
McGuire	Yea
Avery	Yea
Owen	Yea
Denton	Yea
Mackay	Nay
Kirk	Yea
Forni-Feathers	Nay
Stek	Nay
O'Halloran	Yea

Motion was carried 7 to 3.

Approval of Contracts entered in June and July 2008

Owen moved, Denton seconded, motion carried to approve.

Fair and Blast Results (no action needed)

Gray reviewed 2002 – 2008 Blast numbers noting that 2007 vs. 2008 Fair, revenue and expenses were down from what was budgeted. She also noted that 2008 was the best year ever for Blast.

Gray also recapped the Livestock Auction results.

Skate park opinion of Board, managed vs. non-managed

After a discussion, it was moved that a letter be sent to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors stating the Association supports a professional management company managing the Skate Park.

McGuire moved, Denton seconded, motion carried to approve.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

• **Approval of Racing RFP:**

Mackay recluses himself from any discussion and asked to be called back into the meeting when the discussion was complete.

Owen moved, Davis seconded, motion carried to approve.

Kirk suggested posting an announcement for the RFP on the Fair's webpage. Davis recommended selling season parking passes for tier parking.

• **Approval of a "release and hold harmless" clause in the sale of the Shay Locomotive from the El Dorado County Western Railway Foundation to the Historical Museum.**

McGuire moved, Kirk seconded, motion carried to approve.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT - **Approval of Expenditures of June and July 2008.**

Owen moved, Davis seconded, motion carried to approve.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT:

- **September Board Meeting** and Retreat is September 3rd at 9:00 am. A few of the items for discussion are rental rates, 2009 Fair Theme, and Gray's goals for 2009.

Davis suggested conducting the meeting and retreat in Tahoe.

X. DIRECTORS' REPORT:

• **Avery:**

Pass

• **McGuire:**

Discussed Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting. Is concerned that RRM Design Group, consultants hired by the City of Placerville, do not understand who the Fair Association is and how the Association is involved in the community. RRM shows the Fairgrounds as a convention center on their concept. Next Advisory Committee meeting is July 23rd.

• **Owen:**

Pass

• **Forni-Feathers:**

Would like to hold the next Board Meeting and Retreat in Tahoe.

• **Denton:**

Are we planning entertainment for 2009 Fair yet?

Davis suggested Gray work with him on possibly coordinating entertainers booked in Tahoe, June 2009, for Fair time.

• **Davis**

Encouraged holding the next Board Meeting and Retreat in Tahoe.

• **Stek:**

Pass.

• **Kirk:**

Was on line and found the Neshoba Mississippi Fair who have 600 summer rental homes on the fairgrounds plus a RV park. Holds late night dances; possibly a good idea for our Fair.

• **Mackay:**

Thank you to all who volunteered in the Capital Bar and also thank you to staff for assisting with the Duck Races.

• **O'Halloran:**

Pass.

XI. Adjourn 7:50 pm

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY.

PAT O'HALLORAN, PRESIDENT

DATE

JODY GRAY, CEO

DATE