

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD
February 23, 2011

ROLL CALL

Vice - Chairperson Chance calls the meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors to order at 4:12 p.m. in the Serpilio Hall at the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Grounds. Directors Abbott, Butterfield, Chance, Joyce, Olson, and Neer are present. Director Butterfield was tardy, but excused. Directors Goss and Hughes were absent and excused. Directors Johnson and Viscarra were absent. Fair Manager John Steffanic is present. Administrative Assistant Willo Vieira is present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Olson makes motion to approve the agenda for February 23, 2011. Motion seconded by Director Abbott, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Draft December 8, 2010

Motion is made by Director Butterfield to rescind the approval of the draft minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting. Motion seconded by Director Abbott. Motion carried unanimously.

December 8, 2010

Motion is made by Director Butterfield to approve the final minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting. Motion seconded by Director Abbott. Motion carried unanimously.

January 26, 2011

Motion is made by Director Butterfield to approve the final minutes of the January 26, 2011 meeting. Motion seconded by Director Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC

Mona Hill, Feather River Publishing; and Lisa Smith, Indian Valley 4-H.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lisa Smith, Indian Valley 4-H, announced that the Natural Resource Class of Greenville High School is building flower boxes for the Fair. She would like to see recognition for the project from the Fair Board and a Thank You letter to the class.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Financials-

Fair Manager Steffanic reviewed the financial reports with the Board. Director Butterfield asked for clarification on employee benefits. Director Olson inquired about the \$43,000.00 from the state. Manager Steffanic said that this would be the last allotment from the State for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. Manager Steffanic updated the Board on the state budget. He had gone to Sacramento to attend and testify before the state senate committee. The committee

was sympathetic but still approved the Governor's Draft Budget for fairs as is, which means 0% allotment for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

To add perspective to the discussion Manager Steffanic mentioned that just to keep the fairgrounds facility open requires about \$100,000.00 in insurance, water, power, etc. and it costs about \$70,000.00 just to put on a fair. Maintenance must continue on the facility either through the fair or through the Facilities Department. A Fair Fiscal Coordinator is still needed to handle the cash flow during fair and other interim events. The county will need to support the fairgrounds no matter what happens.

The meeting with the county budget committee has been rescheduled to a to be determined date. Director Olson commented that she would like to see more Fair Board representation than just Director Hughes at the meeting. Manager Steffanic responded that the county had scheduled the meeting and requested that the Fair Board Chairman attend.

Ms. Lisa Smith inquired as to how the public could help. Manager Steffanic answered that the fair was exploring the possibility of establishing a nonprofit foundation for the Fair that could accept donations and financially assist in the Fair.

Fair U-

Fair U has been postponed until March 26, due to the weather. We have had a great response of people desiring to participate.

Film Festival-

The Plumas Arts and the Fair are working on it as a "viral" film festival. Exhibitors will be able to enter their video over the internet for \$2.99. Prize money will be issued to each category based on the number of entries with a maximum payout of \$500 per division. People will be able to view the entries at the fairgrounds and the event will include camping for those who wish to stay overnight. The award ceremony will be webcast live.

Electrical Repair Update

Manager Steffanic reported that the electrician was out working the day the money was approved from the Board of Supervisors and that the repairs should be completed in a couple of weeks.

Fair Planning Update-

Most Fair entertainment is in place. American Valley Speedway is exploring grass drags for the Fair.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Junior Exhibitor Fees

After discussion the Directors decided to let the prior motion stand.

B. Market Livestock Judge Information

After discussion and public input Director Butterfield made a motion to table this item until the March 26, 2011 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Director Olson and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Market Animal Groupings

After a brief discussion on what the current State Rules read, it was decided to update the Exhibit Guide match the State Rules. Director Abbott made motion to change the current wording from Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 to Market Ready/ Not Market Ready or Market Acceptable/Not Market Acceptable depending on the species. Director Neer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn is made by Director Abbott and seconded by Director Neer. Motion is carried unanimously. The Regular meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board will be held on March 23, 2011 at 4:00 pm in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

I, WILLO VIEIRA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2011 MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ACCURATE AS RECORDED.

Willo Vieira
Administrative Assistant

John Steffanic
Fair Manager

Kenny Chance, Vice Chairperson
Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board