

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD

March 22, 2017

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Chance calls the meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors to order at 5:10 p.m. in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Grounds. Directors Abbott, Buckhout, Cardona, Chance, Griffin, Neer, and Olson are present. Directors Butterfield, Noble, and Viscarra were absent. Fair Manager John Steffanic is present. Administrative Assistant Willo Vieira is present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Abbott makes a motion to approve the agenda for March 22, 2017. Motion seconded by Director Buckhout, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

November 30, 2016

Motion is made by Director Abbott to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2016 meeting. Motion seconded by Director Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC

Erin Roth of Feather Publishing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Manager Steffanic share the Thank You notes he received from a 3rd Grade class that he visited.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Financial Report-

Manager Steffanic reported that our financial outlook at mid- budget year looked good. He went over both the revenue and expenditure budgets. We are trying to track down a 10% discrepancy between what the county shows and what the fair shows. The \$43,000 from the CDFA has not come through yet as it is pending the approval of a contract.

County Picnic-

Manager Steffanic is encouraging every county department to be represented at the county Picnic for public outreach. He is working on both food and commercial vendors for the event. The car show will be anchoring the event.

Sweethearts-

Loyalton, Portola, and Quincy all have Sweetheart candidates for this year's competition. The event will be held on conjunction with the Rhythm and Grace Spring recital on June 14th.

Fair Update-

Staffing needs were presented for the Fair include a camp coordinator for the lower campground and host for Serpilio hall's commercial vendors. Manager Steffanic would like to find volunteers for these positions but feels that they are important enough to hire someone to do the job. The Exhibit Guide is out and bundles are available for each of the Directors to take one back to their communities. Food vendor contracts are out and coming back in and camping is almost full. We need to work on our ability to increase our ice storage.

Entertainment-

We will have a Country Tribute Band in the grandstand on Friday night. The Fireman's Muster will be returning as well as the Quircus and the Electrical Parade.

Fair Theme Activities-

Feather River College is 100% behind the fair theme this year with six artists who will be camping at the fair and each painting an 8'x8' mural depicting Ag. They will also be providing easels and ag related subjects for people to paint. Donna Mills is working with the schools to create group mural that will surround an acoustic stage. Dorothy Edwards will be working with the school age children and offering an art project per day. All of these events will take place on the West lawn which will be renamed "Artopolis" for the Fair.

Livestock Update--

All livestock exhibitors will be required to have insurance this year. All animals will need to be tagged before they come to the fair. If they are not tagged they will be sent home.

Front Gate-

The front gate is currently waiting for donations of materials to start rolling in. the goal is to have it completed by July 1 at the latest.

FRC Art Show-

Feather River College will be holding its student art show in the Art Barn for three weekends in May.

Americana Festival – Joshua Festival is not coming for Labor Day. They will be holding a single day concert in late July. This opens up the weekend for an Americana Festival that will be fair sponsored. This will be a three day event. Manager Steffanic will be going before the Board of Supervisors to promote the event.

WFA Convention-

Both Manger Steffanic and Director Chance attended the event. Steffanic's class on making "Attractions out of Mole Hills" was well received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Livestock Committee-

Report and discussion were part of New Business

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Fair Foundation-
Foundation will be meeting next week and welcoming Nancy Gambell and Michelle Morrison as new members.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Contract 16-0172 for disbursement of funds from CDFA
Manager Steffanic presented Contract 16-0172 for the Boards consideration. Director Abbott made a motion to approve Contract 16-0172 and was seconded by Director Neer. Motion carried.

B. Storm Damages
The January storm took down a big light standard in the infield. Repairs are estimated at \$30,000. American Valley Speedway has stepped up to assist with light standard. The road at the horse arena experienced a major washout and needs an estimated \$8,000 in repairs. Manager Steffanic has submitted the damage amounts to the county in hopes of future reimbursement from FEMA.

C. Showmanship Awards
Discussion was led by Manager Steffanic and Director Neer as to the options available for Showmanship awards. Manager Steffanic was directed to look into medallions or other options.

D. Award Grant from Fairs and Expositions
Manager Steffanic reported that after three years of trying for an Infrastructure Grant for Health and Safety we were finally awarded the grant for a new well house and tank. This will include a new water meter at the front of the Fairgrounds. Director Olson made a motion to accept the grant contract and Director Cardona seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn is made by Director Abbott and seconded by Director Cardona. Motion is carried unanimously. The Regular meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board will be held on May 24 at 5:00 pm in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

I, WILLO VIEIRA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2017 MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ACCURATE AS RECORDED.

Willo Vieira
Administrative Assistant

John Steffanic
Fair Manager

Kenny Chance, Chairperson
Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board