

# **REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

**July 27, 2011**

## **ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Hughes calls the meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors to order at 5:09 p.m. in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Grounds. Directors Abbott, Hughes, Joyce, Neer, Olson, and Viscarra were are present. Directors Butterfield, Chance, Goss, and Johnson are absent and excused. 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 July 27, 2011. Motion seconded by Director Neer, motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

June 22, 2011

Motion is made by Director Abbott to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2011 meeting. Motion seconded by Director Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC**

Judi Madden of American Valley Speedway and Madden Plumbing and Heating; Mona Hill of Feather River Publishing.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Mona Hill announced that the Fair Supplement would be coming out in next weeks paper.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- NONE

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Financial Report and Fair Financing

Manager Steffanic presented the Directors with the County's period thirteen report that reflects the closing numbers for the past fiscal year. He did mention that there were a few bills including the power bill that was not reflected in the report. Manager Steffanic was pleased to report that the Fair had only needed \$70,000.00 of the requested \$107,000.00 from the County to cover budgeted shortfalls.

Director Viscarra inquired about the \$152,000.00 received from the state and whether the Fair would have to reimburse the County out of that money. Manager Steffanic responded that it was unknown at the current time as he is receiving mixed messages from the County. The intent of the CDFA Fairs and Expositions was that the money would be used for the 2012 Fair even though it was distributed in the 2011 fiscal year. Unfortunately, the State did not specify in writing their wishes. A permanent solution to the fair financing problem is being pursued through legislative channels at the state level.

At this point the County is operating under an interim budget which has the Fair department closing as of September 30. Director Viscarra expresses concern that the remaining \$80,000.00 not go to the County General Fund. Manager Steffanic directs the attention of the Fair Board to the fact that the Fair has to pay \$32,000.00 in Count overhead this fiscal year that it did not have to pay last year.

The County CAO, Mr. Jack Ingstad does not wish to lose the revenue that the fairground facility brings however it is currently planned to layoff the Fair Manager, the Department Fiscal Technician and reassign the Head of Maintenance. This is an option that High Sierra Music Festival does not like as they foresee problems without a full time fair staff. When queried about the fate of the Fair Board Manager Steffanic responded that it was an unknown at this time. The Board of Supervisors has expressed a love of the Fair but they might not have the money to have a fair.

### Fair Planning

Manager Steffanic presented the Board with a tentative schedule of events for the Fair, a camping map, a gate schedule and a flier promoting the Fair as a year round facility. The Fair will have Bull Rides this year as a promoter has recently contacted the Fair. Profits from the event will be split 50/50 with the promoter. The local Valero Station will have extra ice on hand for the Fair for purchase by the Vendors.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee reports were given.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

No Director's reports were given.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None was on the agenda

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. NO NEW BUSINESS WAS PRESENTED ON THE AGENDA

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made.

### **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 August 24, 2011 at 5:00 pm in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

I, WILLO VIEIRA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2011 MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ACCURATE AS RECORDED.

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Willo Vieira  
Administrative Assistant

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John Steffanic  
Fair Manager

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Howard Hughes, Chairperson  
Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board