

46th District Agricultural Association
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

August 19th, 2020 • 4:00 P.M

18700 Lake Perris Dr.

Perris CA 92571

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Directors

Nick Bruno-President, Marisa Yeager-Vice President, Ron Magnusson, Jaime Hurtado, Gene Skala, Brad Scott, Tricia Almiron, Cindy Palumbo

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Call to order:

All matters noticed on this agenda, in any category, may be considered for action listed. Any item not so noticed may not be considered. Items listed on this Agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the chairperson.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Yeager at 4:10 pm

1) Pledge of Allegiance:

Attendees of this 46th District Agricultural Association Board meeting will be asked to join the Board President in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance if they wish to do so.

2) Roll Call:

The Board of Directors of the 46th District Agricultural Association are asked to introduce themselves to all in attendance.

Present in the Board room: Director Gene Skala

Present in teleconference: Vice President Yeager, Director Magnuson, Director Palumbo, Director Almiron, Director Hurtado, and Director Scott.

3) Absent Directors: President Bruno

Motion to excuse absent Director was made by: Director Magnuson

Motion seconded by: Director Hurtado

Motion unanimously approved. Motion carried

Voting Directors: Vice President Marisa Yeager, Director Gene Skala, Director Cindy Palumbo, Director Tricia Almiron, Director Jaime Hurtado, Director Brad Scott and Director Ron Magnuson

4) Introduction of Audience and Guests:

Audience and guests are requested to introduce themselves to the Board of Directors and other guests under this agenda item.

Present in the Board Room: CEO Wuersch, Dale Smith, Don Kazarian, Lauren Oostdam, Kelly Secord and Christina Rapert,

Present in teleconference: David DiMond, and Chris Castaing.

5) Matters of Public Comment:

Persons in attendance may request to speak on any item not on the agenda or request item to be placed on agenda at next meeting. Speakers presenting matters to the Board will be limited to three (3) minutes.

David DiMond: Our business at the Fairgrounds for the last thirty years needs to come to an end. It is my job to make that happen. There is no more time and no more room for bullying in our lives.

6) New Business (all items may be considered for Action):

a) Financial Information:

- Financials
- Statement of Net Position
- Summary of Operations
- Budget Update/Cash Budget Projections

CEO Wuersch: We did not meet because Ron is out of town. Everything will be sent out tomorrow. The monthly cash budget was sent out today. We have had some problems with the mail so now we are going to do everything electronically so that will make things easier with CFSA. On the cash budget report projected for August was \$82,725 what we have in the bank is \$88,972.85. RCS will be staying

longer so they will be sending us some more money to be here longer. We are keeping our expenses down and we are paying off some old bills as well.

Vice President Yeager: Those are the utility bills that you are talking about and not the Loan balance, right?

CEO Wuersch: Yes, it is the utility bills balance. The Loan balance is not due until February 2021.

Director Scott: On the JLA it shows a balance of \$9,375 and last week Carl you said that we had around \$32,000 in that account.

CEO Wuersch: The JLA amount is the balance in outstanding payout checks. The balance we have in the reserve is around 22 to 23 thousand.

Vice President Yeager: We will table the financial approval until next month.

b) Plan for Livestock Show/Auction:

Director Scott: I think Kelly would be best to talk about that. But just for the record Gene, Kelly and I did talk to the livestock advisory committee to see what direction they wanted to go and get their opinion.

Kelly: We asked all the representatives if they would like to know today what we will be doing or if they are ok with waiting until September. Those representatives spoke to their organizations and they all said that they would like to wait until September to decide to go virtual or traditional.

Director Almiron: We said that we were going to make a decision last month but it was not on the agenda so we said that we would make that decision at this month's Board meeting and I am willing to keep to that decision.

Director Scott: We wanted to get the Livestock advisory committees' input because they are the ones that are involved the most. Like Kelly said they asked us to wait as long as possible.

Director Almiron: I understand they want to be optimistic, but nothing is going to change from now to September. If we wait, we will lose time for planning and promoting it. I am against the committee recommendation. I appreciate you Kelly for all your work and for reaching out to everyone.

Kelly: Some fairs are able to have an in person show they are just following all the new guidelines.

Director Palumbo: The groups that are participating to they already have their animals?

Kelly: Yes, everyone that want to participate has already purchased their animals.

Director Palumbo: I am ok with the recommendation of the committee but the only problem I see is having time to market and promote it for the auction.

Kelly: The Auction is not going to change it will still be virtual. If we do an in person, it will only be for immediate family and special invitation it will not be open to the public.

Director Scott: As for the marketing most of the time a letter is not sent out to the buyers until a week prior to the auction date.

Vice President Yeager: So, it is the committee's recommendation to wait until next month's Board meeting on September 16th to make a final decision.

Sarah: The Fairs that are putting on the in, person shows are not in counties that are on the watch list. Riverside county is on the watch list. If you are wanting to do an in person show I would recommend that you get the plan submitted to your county and to F and E to get it approved as soon as possible.

CEO Wuersch: I do not know if we will be able to even get an approval because the testing site will still be open until October 14th. We need to sit down with the committee and get everything in writing and get it submitted but I think with having the testing site still open and being on the watch list it will be a big hurdle for us.

**Motion to approve the recommendation of the livestock committee to wait to make a final decision on what to do for the Livestock show was made by Director Palumbo.
Motion seconded by Director Hurtado.**

Vice President Yeager: Just to confirm before the vote we are voting to wait until the September 16th Board meeting to make a decision to do an in person or virtual Livestock show with the caveat that we need to get the counties approval and F and E;'s approval. Now I will go around and get the I's

Hurtado - I

Palumbo – I

Skala – I

Magnuson – I

Scott – I

Almiron – No

Yeager – I

Vice President Yeager: With the vote six to one the motion carried.

Voting Directors: Vice President Marisa Yeager, Director Gene Skala, Director Cindy Palumbo, Director Tricia Almiron, Director Jaime Hurtado, Director Brad Scott and Director Ron Magnuson

Vice President Yeager: We have a member of the public that would like to make a comment. The vote has already been done is it ok with all members that he speaks?

-Everyone agreed to let the public member speak-

Chris: Thank you to the Board members for taking this time to vote on this matter. I am the community leader for the 4H group for the Perris Panthers. I have been fortunate to grow up with 4H and being able to pass that down to my kids and also the communities kids, so I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for considering this. Its unfortunate to see people make quick decisions on this because of what is going on and I do know there is a lot going on that needs to be taken into consideration. But there is potential there. This is an opportunity for these members both independent and in the FFA groups to see their projects to completion. So again I just wanted to say thank you for accepting our recommendation.

7) Consent Calendar:

All matters listed are considered by the Board of Directors to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the vote unless members of the board, staff or public request specific items to be discussed separately and/or removed from this section.

a) Approval of July Minutes

Motion to approve the July minutes was made by Director Almiron

Motion seconded by Director Palumbo

Motion unanimously approved. Motion carried

Voting Directors: Vice President Marisa Yeager, Director Gene Skala, Director Cindy Palumbo, Director Tricia Almiron, Director Jaime Hurtado, Director Brad Scott and Director Ron Magnuson

b) RENTAL AGREEMENTS 2020 – None at this time

8) CORRESPONDENCE

Date Received from Subject

NONE	CAL OES	
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CEO Wuersch: We received this letter from CAL OES and I am going to ask for board members help because this looks like we could get some money.

Date Sent to Subject

NONE		
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9) INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Update on Loan Balances:

Current on Loans Balances

- **COMMUNITY BUILDING \$139,691.67**
- **ADMIN OFFICE \$43,235.13**

10) CEO Report:

- Monthly Update
- COVID 19 Impact **CEO Wuersch: I spoke to Brandon yesterday. They are making some changes. They will be moving some more stuff out here to help keep their staff cool. Their plan is to be here until October 14th.**
Vice President Yeager: Do we have any reports on the number of tests that have happened and what the results are?
CEO Wuersch: No, I do not have any reports
Vice President Yeager: Could you try to get that report? It would be good information to have.

- **Sarah: I was able to review that CAL OES letter and it looks like a letter for a grant that you will need to work with county.**
Director Almiron: Tricia I can work with you and Carl on that.
- Event updates
- CCA Monthly Update **Vice President Yeager: They are involved in a lot of projects at different fairgrounds in different states. They are doing their best. They are trying to do some turn around. There is normally a six month turn around, but they are doing their best to expedite that.**
- DWR update **CEO Wuersch: I had my third meeting this month with them we are making some progress with it. They are going to look into the property across the street to purchase it. We will still have the overflow parking.**

11) CEO Comments: This year we are all in the same boat. We have some good things happening this year like with the DWR project and making some money off of it and seeing what our footprint could be. I want to thank the staff members and the Board members for reaching out and helping.

Vice President Yeager: Before our next meeting the infrastructure committee will be meeting to over a few things. Carl is going to update them on the alarm system that was going to be installed also an update on Helms and Sons along with an update on the RV park. Also, the Finance Committee will need to meet because we will be getting the financials tomorrow. Cindy, I don't know if you have anything with the marketing committee that needs to be address. We just need to make sure that we are meeting with our committees to keep on top of things.

12) DIRECTORS COMMENTS (only comments/not discussions):

Director Skala: I think we are all heading in the same direction on the auction.

Vice President Yeager: I appreciate everyone's patience we all have a lot going on in our lives right now. Thank you everyone for your effort to make these meetings. Thank you to Carl in all the efforts. We need to help each other with checklist so we can get the things done quicker. I have a document that states they are looking for Voting locations in our area. I think this would be a really good opportunity

13) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Vice President Yeager at 5:12 pm

IMPORTANT DATES: Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm unless otherwise specified:

- September 16, 2020
- October TBD
- November 18, 2020
- December 16, 2020