FOURTH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

175 FAIRGROUNDS DRIVE, PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA 94952

May 18, 2022

Hosted in the Beverly C. Wilson hall and via Zoom.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Moore, Grossi, Benedetti, McClure, Marzo, James and Parks

DIRECTORS ABSENT (Excused): Excused Director Ghirardelli.

DIRECTORS ABSENT (Unexcused): Director Burleson

STAFF PRESENT: Kristie Hubacker, CEO, Paulette Swallow, Exhibits

GUESTS PRESENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM by Director Moore, President.

APPROVAL & ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/s/c Directors James and Grossi to approve the Agenda.

Director	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Moore, President	Χ		
Director Benedetti	Х		
Director Burleson			
Director Ghirardelli			
Director Grossi	Х		
Director Marzo			
Director McClure	Х		
Director Parks	Х		
Director James	Χ		

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: President Moore reported that she read statement at recent Petaluma

City Council meeting regarding the need to work together with

fairgrounds and recent negative comments directed at interim events

and fair staff.

CONSENT AGENDA: A. Minutes from April 2022 Board Meeting

Director McClure requested correction to April Minutes.

B. Rental Agreements

C. Standard Agreements

M/s/c Directors James and Benedetti to approve the Consent Agenda.

Director	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Moore, President	Х		
Director Benedetti	Х		
Director Burleson			
Director Ghirardelli			
Director Grossi	Х		
Director Marzo			
Director McClure	Χ		
Director Parks	Х		
Director James	Χ		

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Director McClure and reported Herzog rental higher last year due to use as covid testing site. Clarified check #13195 was for Holstein show. Reported on permant tenant's statements. No new progress on McGrath account. Happy Hearts making progress towards back due amounts. PSPS grant refund was reported to reflect on next month statements.

Director McClure reported two CDs renewed at same terms. Fair time sponsorships making progress towards goal.

CEO Hubacker reported she is following up with CDFA regarding Board Training and State funding.

M/s/c Directors James and Grossi to approve the Finance Report.

Director	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Moore, President	Х		
Director Benedetti	Χ		
Director Burleson			
Director Ghirardelli			
Director Grossi	Χ		
Director Marzo	Χ		
Director McClure	Χ		
Director James	Χ		
Director Parks	Χ		

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Directors expressed concerns on timelines of projects and grounds being ready for fair. Director Parks suggested use of outside landscape help for Maintenance team.

EXHIBITS & LOCAL RULES:

Director McClure reported on Exhibits Committee meeting. Discussed extending entry deadline due to online errors. Looking for additional sponsors new and reoccurring.

COMMERCIAL &

CONCESSIONAIRE: CEO Hubacker reported plan to incorporate more local vendors to fill

current gaps in vendors.

ENTERTAINMENT: No Report

PUBLICITY: No Report

GOALS & LONG RANGE

PLANNING: Directors Grossi and Parks requested that CEO Hubacker share the 10

page packet made for the Healthy Democracy panel be shared with full

Board for approval for broader distribution.

LEGISLATIVE: No Report

MILK BARN COMMITTEE: Director Benedetti reported on the recent meeting. Milk Barn to be

managed by Mike Moretti during fair.

FARMERS DAY: Meeting scheduled for following week. Exhibits Rep Swallow reported

lack of enthusiasm for list of activities. Directors discussed incorporating new activity ideas. CEO Hubacker expressed importance of Farmer's Day as a community tradition. CEO Hubacker to reach out to neighbors fairs

for input on their Farmer's Day plans.

"Friends of the Fairgrounds": CEO Hubacker reported that the group was very helpful in bringing

together a successful Butter & Eggs Day float.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: President Moore reported that she attended recent City of Petaluma

council meeting to speak on recent negative comments made towards

interim events and fair staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2022 Fair:

Directors express interest in having name tags available at the VIP Opening Night Gala to encourage productive conversations and enable

more successful networking opportunity.

Director Benedetti brought up previous tradition of "fair breakfast" suggested that while it may be too late for this year it is an idea we should

explore for 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

CEO REPORT:

A. Interim & Permanent Rentals

- **B.** Industry Related Issues
- C. Staff Updates:
 - Still in need of more staff. CEO Hubacker will continue to advertise via social media platforms.
 - WUD day of coordinator secured
- D. 2022 Fair:

President

- Director
- E. CEO Schedule
 - CEO Hubacker reported that she will continue be coaching youth softball and soccer so will be leaving the office at 5:00pm a couple days of the week for games and practices.

 Additionally CEO Hubacker won "Influential Women of the Bay Area" award and will be attending a recognition dinner on the Thursday of fair.
- F. Butter & Eggs Day Parade
 - CEO Hubacker reported that the parade was a success and that the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds/ Friends of the Fairgrounds float won the Helen Putnam award.

FOR YOUR			
INFORMATION:	A. Interim events calendar was reviewed.		
	B. Next meeting will be July 20, 2022 at 3:00 PM.		
CLOSED SESSION:	A. Real Property Negotiations Pursuant to California Government Code Section (§ 11126(c)(7) regarding fairgrounds lease of property at 175 Fairgrounds Drive (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 007031004 and 007031005) from the City of Petaluma. No closed session action.		
ADJOURNMENT:	M/s by Director Benedetti and Director Grossi to adjourn the Meeting at 4:47 PM.		
Respectfully submitted,			
 Dr. Lois Moore			

Chief Executive Officer