

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

20th DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
Gold Country Fairgrounds and Event Center  
1273 High Street, Auburn, California 95603  
(530)823-4533

### MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Thursday January 28, 2021 @ 6:00PM  
Via Teleconference  
1273 High Street, Auburn, CA 95603  
Notice and Agenda available on internet at [www.goldcountryfair.com](http://www.goldcountryfair.com)

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### TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Boards may meet by teleconference. (§11123) For the purposes of the Act, 'teleconference' means a meeting of a state body, the members of which are at different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or both audio and video. (§11123(b) (2)) This would include telephone conference calls, webinars, webcasts, and Skype.

Teleconference location: Auburn Host Lions Building – 1273 High Street, Auburn, CA 95603

Phone number: 530-214-9244

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Any member of the public wishing to address the Board on any matter listed on this agenda has a right to do so and will be afforded such opportunity when the Board is considering that agenda item. In addition, if a member of the public wishes to address the Board on a matter not listed on the agenda, you will be given such opportunity during the Public Comment item on the agenda. The Board President has the right to limit the time for public comment to a maximum of three (3) minutes or less to proceed with the agenda of the day and/or to place the item on the agenda (as an action item) of a subsequent meeting. Total time allotted for public comment is fifteen (15) minutes maximum.

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### AGENDA

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** President Parnell

All matters noticed on this agenda, in any category, may be considered for action as 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 President.

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** President Parnell

## **III. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Directors Present: Director Bedwell, Director Carson, Director Durand, Director Macon, President Parnell, and Director Sands

Directors Absent: Director Ebbert, Director Johnson, and Director Smith

Staff Present: Don Ales – CEO and Karlee Long – Events & Exhibits Coordinator

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Since items under Public Comment are not listed and publicly noticed on the agenda, please be advised that the Board cannot discuss or take any action at this meeting.

None to be considered

## **V. STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

CEO Ales referred to page 3 of the Annual Meeting Packet. CEO Ales explained that he has been following the same format for the State of the Association for the last few years.

2020 Fair Review – CEO Ales explained to the Board that the 2020 Fair had been cancelled, but there was a livestock show and auction. The dollar amounts have been listed for the Board's review. There was less entries, but the youth made more money. CEO Ales said it was a very successful auction. CEO Ales thanked the Board, Placer County, and the many groups that contributed to the successful auction. CEO Ales brought to the attention of the Board the donation amounts for the 2020 Fair. He believes we have set a record for donations. This is a testament to our community, our team, and the Fair Board for making that happen.

Interim Rentals – CEO Ales expressed that there was a decrease of 48.1% or \$274,027.77 and most if not all of the decrease is related to COVID-19. CEO Ales explained there were some events that were able to happen, but there was a major loss in income due to the cancellation of the larger events. CEO Ales acknowledges this is a number we need to fix, but as we open back up the number will bounce back.

Buildings & Grounds – CEO Ales explained that there have been three projects on the fairgrounds.

Placer Building Remodel - The State has been slacking on this project. He announced that Director Macon, Jack Haugen (GCFHF), a few other volunteers, and himself will begin to rip out the ceiling because the State failed to put it in the budget. The State is still promising completion within 90 days starting February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Auburn Host Lions Building Addition – CEO Ales gave props to Director Carson, Director Macon, Director Johnson, and Jack Haugen (GCFHF) for their hard work on the project. CEO Ales explained that this project is 30-45 days from being completed.

OTP Outdoor Pavilion – CEO Ales explained that there has been a slight delay due to the flooring. The issue is being resolved, so the project can move forward. Overall investment for this project is \$490,000 upon completion of the project.

CEO Ales expressed that although COVID-19 was tough on the fairgrounds, it did allow these 3 projects to be completed.

Personnel – CEO Ales explained that all staff have been laid off except for the three current employees. CEO Ales expressed that it was hard as we were building a great team to go into fair with. The good news is there is better infrastructure. Customer service has been great. CEO Ales said that Greg Toste has been great from a maintenance standpoint. Karlee

Long has done well with the auction and also being very creative and doing every event we could possibly do. CEO Ales would like to thank them and as we move closer to Fair, we will obviously have to make some adjustments.

Board of Directors – CEO Ales said the Board has been fantastic. They have continued to develop policy and there was wonderful participation rate. CEO Ales expressed that the Gold Country Fair Heritage Foundation has been great and is working well with the Fair Board. CEO Ales asked the Board if they have any questions, he would be happy to answer them. President Parnell asked, in regard to the Placer Building Remodel, when the State forgets a portion of the project like that, do they not have own it themselves? CEO Ales explained that, according to the CCA, since the project goes out to public bid system, they cannot ask for new bids and not allow others to bid. CEO Ales explained that instead of going through another 6-month delay and paperwork, the decision was made to use volunteer help to tear out the ceiling. The dumpster will show up and be donated by Recology. Jack Haugen has brought in the man lift. There is no asbestos in the ceiling, it is only labor. This will buy us more money on the back end of the project.

**VI. INSTALLATION OF 2021 OFFICERS**

President Parnell explained that the installation of the 2021 officers will be done virtually and Director Johnson was absent for the installations.

President Parnell announced that, per the December Board Meeting, President Parnell will be installed as President of the Gold Country Fair Board of Directors and Director Johnson will be installed as Vice President of the Gold Country Fair Board of Directors.

Director Carson made a motion to accept the Installation of 2021 Officers; Director Bedwell seconded the motion.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Approved (Yes Vote)</b>	<b>Not Approved (No Vote)</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Debby Bedwell (teleconference)	X		
Mike Carson (teleconference)	X		
Julia Durand (teleconference)	X		
Dave Ebbert (absent)			
Peg Johnson (absent)	X		
Samia Z. Macon, DVM (teleconference)	X		
Luke Parnell (teleconference)	X		
Tim Sands (teleconference)	X		
Ray Smith (absent)			

Director Smith joined the meeting via teleconference.

### VII. ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

President Parnell explained that these resolutions are voted on each year. President Parnell asked if CEO Ales is comfortable with these resolutions.

CEO Ales responded that he is comfortable with these levels because when he needs a larger approval President Parnell and Director Johnson are quick to respond.

Director Sands made a motion to accept the Annual Resolutions; Director Bedwell seconded the motion.

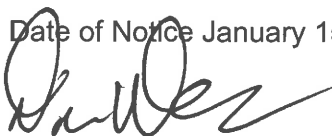
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Samia Z. Macon, DVM (teleconference)	X		
Luke Parnell (teleconference)	X		
Tim Sands (teleconference)	X		
Ray Smith (teleconference)	X		

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors may or may not act on all items appearing on this agenda.

Further information regarding this regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors for the 20th District Agricultural Association may be obtained by contacting the Chief Executive Officer at 1273 High Street, Auburn, CA 95603, telephone 530-823-4533.

Date of Notice January 15, 2021

  
Don Ales, CEO

2/25/21  
Date

  
Luke Parnell, President

2/25/21  
Date