TRINITY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Trinity County Fair Dining Hall – 6000 Hwy 3 Hayfork, CA 96041 Thursday, January 17, 2019 6PM – Open Session

Board of Directors

Dennis Rourke, President Carol Hickman, Director Billie Miller, Nominating Chair Adam Dummer, Director Sharon Eggleston, Vice President Chuck Sauer, Director Wallace Brinkley, Director Adrien Keys, Director

Mission Statement

To provide for the management of the Trinity County Fair and year-round use of the fairgrounds in the best interest of the people of Trinity County and its rural county values by partnering with county agencies and businesses, promoting agriculture and education, and maximizing available resources.

<u>Note</u>

Please be informed that any member of the public has a right and is invited to participate during this public meeting and may address the Board either during the "Public Comment" portion and/or during the discussion of any particular item listed on the agenda.

<u>AGENDA</u>

The Board of Directors retains the discretion to adjourn to Closed Session at any time during this meeting to confer with and give direction to its negotiator(s).

1. CALL TO ORDER

Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Chair. All items so listed may be considered for action. Any item not listed on the agenda will not be discussed or considered by the Board.

Called to order by Dennis Rourke at 6:03pm

2. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

a. APPROVE DIRECTOR ABSENCES AS EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED

Directors Rourke, Eggleston, Keys, Dummer, Hickman and Sauer were all present. Director's Brinkley and Miller were both absent. Director Eggleston moved to excuse both Director Brinkley's and Miller's absence, seconded by Director Hickman and approved unanimously.

3. RECESS FOR POTLUCK DINNER

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- 4. COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND/OR PUBLIC No comments from the public

5. 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mike began by showing a slide show illustrating the funding the fair used to receive as opposed to the funding the fair receives currently. Mike mentioned that if the county should ever decide to sell the fair land that the county would be responsible for reimbursing the state for building and infrastructure upgrades the state has funded through various grants and deferred maintenance programs. Discussion ensued. Mike read the fair's mission statement to the attendees and reviewed the slideshow.

Mike thanked Mayme Patton for being one of the founding board members of the Trinity County Fair Association in 1989.

Mike explained that over the past year, the fair had hoped for some additional funding from AB1499 which passed in 2017, was promised in 2019 but was delayed. There is no definite date yet for when these funds will be available, but we are hoping in the year 2020.

Mike mentioned how much he appreciated the hard work TCFA bookkeeper Sue Erenberger has put into the accounting system. She has completely redesigned the financial system and reports that were next to impossible to find before are now available for us to review. Thanks again Sue. Discussion ensued.

Mike said the fair office has done an amazing job the past year cutting expenses. We had some major issues cost us money such as a major water leak, we had under the homestead which cost us over \$12,000.

We have recently completed 2 grants for deferred maintenance. The first was asbestos abatement and new windows on the dining hall. The second was for the fire safety portion of the deferred maintenance grant which paid for an Ansul system (fire suppression system) for the dining hall kitchen. Discussion ensued.

Mike thanked the Hayfork Chamber of Commerce for granting TCFA TOT money for fair advertising. Mike applied for a grant from the Ray & Kay Eckstein Foundation. I asked for \$32,977.00 for kitchen repairs and upgrades to bring it back to commercial status again. Discussion ensued.

Mike has asked the Rotary Club for help and they are trying to help us buy a new commercial dishwasher for the dining hall kitchen.

Mike then said he is also seeking additional grants to repair the floors and install new propane heaters in the dining hall.

Mike also said that the county is sitting on \$600,000 in CDBG funds and just recently hired staff to administer the funds. The money has been approved for use. Discussion ensued.

In 2009, the fair had a decent year financially and the county asked for a one-time discount of \$15,000 off the contractual payment of \$25,000 per year resulting in just a \$10,000 payment that year. Discussion ensued. Mike mentioned another possible funding source coming from the state includes an estimated \$18 million for California Fairs funded through prop 68 which was a park and recreation proposition. 20% of those funds must be used in rural and/or disadvantaged communities.

6. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Director Sauer reiterated that the nominating committee has nominated Director Rourke to continue as board chair and Director Eggleston as Vice Chair. Chuck moved to approve the nominating committee's recommendation, seconded by Director Hickman and motion passed unanimously.

Dana Hauser is the newly appointed director for District 5 Supervisor John Fenley. Director Hauser's term is a two-year term.

Director Eggleston ran for re-election and was unopposed. TCFA member Charlene Dunaetz moved to elect Director Eggleston to an additional 4-year term, motion seconded by Donna Grisham and approved unanimously.

7. SEATING OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

8. ADJOURNED

Adjourned by Director Rourke at 7:55pm