

**TRINITY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
Virtual Via Zoom**

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Trinity County Fair  
6000 Hwy 3  
Hayfork, CA 96041

**Thursday, January 21, 2021**  
**6:00pm – Open Session**

**Board of Directors**

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| Dennis Rourke, President                            | Sharon Eggleston, Vice President                    |
| Wallace Brinkley, Director 1 <sup>st</sup> District | Michael Thompson, Director 2 <sup>nd</sup> District |
| Adrien Keys, Director 3 <sup>rd</sup> District      | Adam Dummer, Director 4 <sup>th</sup> District      |
| Director 5 <sup>th</sup> District                   | Chuck Sauer, Director                               |
| Carol Hickman, 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.

**Note**

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 prior to the discussion by the Fair Board of any item listed on the agenda.

**AGENDA**

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 Director Rourke at 6:10 pm

**2. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Directors Rourke, Sauer, Eggleston, Brinkley, and Keys were present in person. Director Dummer joined via zoom video call. Bob and Laura Taylor, Christina Merrit, Tony Reed, and Jenni Brookins joined via zoom conference call.

### 3. PRESIDENT WELCOME REMARKS

Director Rourke welcomes and thanks those who could be with us.

### 4. COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND/OR PUBLIC

Billie Miller: Presentation. Miller family donates a fully restored 1952 John Deere Model "M" Tractor to be raffled off at the 100-year Anniversary Fair 2021. Tickets will be sold for \$10.00 by the 4-H, FFA, and Fair associates. Joe Miller is said to be in charge of the raffle.

### 5. CEO: 2020 REVIEW & 2021 FORECAST

- **January 2020** Carrie was asked to find a carnival. Which she did but would later be cancelled due to Covid-19.
- **March 2020** the National Pandemic & Stay at Home Order came into effect.
- **April 2020** all travel from outside Trinity County was discouraged with exception of essential workers, which we were able to open the North RV Park to quarantine those coming in.
- **May 2020** no signs of re-opening from the pandemic, and we were now learning to write Covid-19 Plans in effort to keep our community safe. Uhaul Rentals services were added to the fairgrounds, which resulted in an annual revenue of \$14,000.
- **June 2020** we were one of the last fairs in California to cancel our Annual Fair.
- **July 2020** our Junior Livestock Committee was able to create a safe COVID Plan that included both Live and Virtual Show and Sales of animals; again, our community stepped up and with over \$580,000 in auction sales was by far the largest Jr. Livestock Show in Fair History! There was no increase in COVID cases as a result of this show and sale, which showed our efforts were successful.
- **August 2020** we cancelled the Bigfoot BBQ, as we could not create a COVID Plan that would pass the state and county requirements. Maintenance replaced their fencing, so now the maintenance yard is secure.
- **September 2020** the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Harvest Event was also cancelled due to Covid-19. The August Complex Fire expanded into our local area and we housed two Fire Camps, and Evacuation Point for Red Cross, and a Large Animal Evacuation Center in support of this emergency, these lasted through most of November.
- **November 2020** we cancelled the Annual Cake Bake Off Competition due to COVID.
- **December 2020** Hmong New Year Event cancelled, but we were able to host a Drive-Thru site for Santa, which was part of the 2020 Inside-Outside Hayfork Light Parade Cruise, there were over 100 cars that came thru to visit Santa.
- With the new year came a new promotion in the fair office Christina Wine, we are currently working with the Trinity county employment services to replace Christina's position as U-Haul representative and receptionist.
- We are extremely optimistic with the current vaccines; we should be able to re-open the fairgrounds by spring with some restrictions. We hope to fully re-open by our 100-Year Anniversary Fair August 12-15, 2021, the fair theme is "Century Fun in the Trinity Sun!"
- Fair is scheduled for four full days this year in celebration of our hundred-year anniversary with a free preview day Wednesday, August 11.
- Flea markets beginning Saturday, March 13 continuing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month with the exception of August; March is also when our well is scheduled to be drilled by Shasta drilling.
- We are working on securing logs and plan to start stocking firewood in early spring for the HEAP vouchers program, if we have enough, we will also sell it by the cord.
- Hayfork Lyons Easter egg hunt in April and Trinity together job fair rescheduled from last year.
- May 14 and 15th is our annual Bigfoot BBQ competition and 1st annual Trinity VintageFest Trailer Rally, March May 13- 16th and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cow Bingo is scheduled for that Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>, hopefully Mountain Valley raceway will begin racing again!
- June - Zoo animal and dinosaur tour, working on dates and requirements, Peddlers Fair in Lewiston with 100-Year Anniversary display.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Weaverville- Centennial Fair Float and Fair 100-Year Anniversary display.

- August 12-15 100-Year Anniversary Fair-- Century of Fun in the Trinity Sun.
- October -- Hayfork Lions Halloween Carnival
- November-- Harvest Festival
- December-- Hmong New Year's Celebration, Christmas Tree Festival

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Letter of Interest from Chuck Sauer for Elected TCFA Director Position  
Director Brinkley moves to appoint. Director Eggleston seconds, motion carries unanimously.
- b. Letter of Appointment from Supervisor Jill Cox for District 2 TCFA Director Position  
Michael Thompson. Director Brinkley moves to appoint. Director Eggleston seconds, motion carries unanimously.

**7. ELECTION OF OPEN BOARD DIRECTOR POSITION(S)**

Hold off until February Board Meeting.

**8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW DISTRICT 2 & DISTRICT 5 BOARD DIRECTORS & SEATING OF NEW BOARD DIRECTORS**

Not Present, will seat at February Board Meeting.

**9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (2<sup>ND</sup> Term no election necessary)**

Dennis Rourke- President

Sharon Eggleston- Vice President

**10. ADJOURNED**

Adjourned by Director Rourke at 6:47 pm