

**TRINITY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

TRINITY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BOARDROOM

6000 HWY 3, HAYFORK, CA 96041

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MARCH 21, 2024

6:30 PM

Board of Directors

Dennis Rourke, President	Michael Thompson, Vice President, Director 2 nd District
Marjie Watkins, Director, 1 st District	Donny Case, Director
Adrien Keys, Director, 3 rd District	Terra Kephart, Director
Adam Dummer, Director, 4 th District	Krista Hymas, Director
Jenny Millsap, Director, 5 th District	

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 during the "Open Comment" portion of the Agenda regarding items not Agenized. Then prior to Board Discussion of New Business, after a motion is made and the Board President calls for "Public Comment", Once "Public Comment" is closed all discussion of Agenda items is limited to Fair Board Directors, unless input is requested by a Director. The Board of Directors have agreed to each person being limited to 3 minutes' speaking time.

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 6:30 pm then passed the gavel to Director Thompson to run the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

a. Directors present in person: Watkins, Thompson, Dummer, Kephart, Rourke, Keys, and Hymas. Directors present on zoom: Millsap.

1) Director Keys moves to approve the absence of Director Case; Director Hymas seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

3. COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND/OR PUBLIC

4. CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES

a. Director Rourke moves to approve March 21, 2024 Agenda and the February 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes with corrections; Director Watkins seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

- 1) Corrections: Misspelling of February, Add Hymas to rollcall, add time of meeting to Agenda.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Director Watkins moves to approve February 2024 Financials; Director Hymas seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL – VACATION/SICK LEAVE BALANCES

7. CEO'S REPORT

- a. Update on active Legislative Bills that affect Fairs:

- 1) AB2143 – Supported by WFA/CFA, Code Cleanup, Western Fairs Association and California Fair Alliance are working with CDFA on this bill, most codes are specific to DAA Fairs, I will update if any of the changes affect Non-Profit or County Fairs.
- 2) SB59 – Opposed by WFA/CFA, Update on this bill, was originally submitted in an effort to ensure menstrual products were available for all Prison Inmates and School Students, then expanded to include all State Agencies, which includes DAA Fairs; WFA & CFA are working with our legislators to include an exemption for Fairs. Menstrual Product Accessibility Act would require all women's restrooms, all all-gender restrooms, and at least one men's restroom in any building owned by the state to be stocked with menstrual products, accessible and available to employees and the public, free of cost, at all times.
- 3) AB2791 – Supported by WFA/CFA, Restricting Street Vendors from setting up outside Fairgrounds during Fair events; vendors do this to avoid paying fees to Fairs.
- 4) AB3053 is the most controversial bill from a Fair's standpoint, opposed by WFA/CFA, Existing law governs the apportionment of state funds to fairs within the network of California fairs, which includes, in general, the California Exposition and State Fair, district agricultural association fairs, county fairs, and citrus fruit fairs. For purposes of these provisions, existing law requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to prescribe regulations for judging exhibits and the maximum amount of premiums paid for exhibits. This bill would also require the department, for these purposes, to prescribe regulations for the entry of junior exhibits. The bill would require those regulations to include a requirement that all junior exhibit entries be received only with the approval of a parent or guardian and to authorize those entries to be withdrawn at the request of the parent or guardian at any time before offsite transport, as specified.

- The bill would also require those regulations to include a provision that, in the case of a junior livestock exhibit, any bidder may elect for live animal pickup, regardless of any characterization as a terminal sale.

- If this passes it could destroy Junior Livestock.
- Discussion ensued.

- Clarification: Youth Exhibitor could pull their animal and take it home at any time; and an auction buyer could choose to take their animal live, even if it is previously determined to be a "Terminal Sale". This came about after "Cedar the Goat" Controversy:

- The legal battle over a 9-year-old's pet goat that was slaughtered after her family backed out of the Shasta District Fair continued this week after the California Department of Food and Agriculture counter-sued the girl's mother, blaming her for the ordeal and saying she should pay the defense's legal fees. In a Tuesday countersuit filed in federal court in Sacramento, state Attorney Gen. Rob Bonta's office, which is representing the agriculture department, asked that the lawsuit over the goat named Cedar be dismissed, saying that the girl's mother, Jessica Long, signed a contract when she entered the animal in the livestock auction. The counterclaim also said that Long should pay for the legal fees of the defense and that the federal court doesn't have jurisdiction over the incident. Under the contract Long signed, according to the court filing, she agreed that she wouldn't hold the Shasta fair responsible for any injury or damage. "Jessica Long has a duty to defend defendants/counterclaimants as officers, agents, and/or

employees of the Shasta County District Fair under the terms of the contract,” according to the state attorney general’s filing. The ordeal began when Long bought the goat for her daughter to enter into the 4-H program, which teaches children how to raise farm animals that are eventually entered into an auction to be sold and slaughtered. When it came time for Cedar to be auctioned off, however, Long’s daughter couldn’t go through with it and “sobbed in her pen with her goat,” Long wrote to the Shasta County fair’s manager on June 17. Long begged the fair to let her daughter keep Cedar, despite the goat having already been sold at auction for \$902 to state Sen. Brian Dahle (R-Bieber). She also offered to repay the fair district and the bidder whatever costs had been incurred. But fair officials refused, threatened to call police and rebuffed Long’s attempt to find another outcome for Cedar. “Making an exception for you will only teach [our] youth that they do not have to abide by the rules,” Shasta District Fair Chief Executive Melanie Silva wrote to Long in an email. “Also, in this era of social media this has been a negative experience for the fairgrounds as this has been all over Facebook and Instagram.” Long took Cedar to a farm in Sonoma County because she and her family live in a residential area in Shasta County and are unable to keep farm animals there. Fair officials then contacted the Shasta County Sheriff’s Office. Armed with a search warrant, authorities took possession of the animal and returned it for slaughter. Long then filed a federal lawsuit last year against the county and Shasta District Fair officials, saying that they violated her daughter’s 4th and 14th Amendment rights and committed an “egregious waste of police resources” when detectives from the Shasta County Sheriff’s Office drove more than 500 miles across Northern California to try to find the goat.

- 5) SB1186 – Supported by WFA/CFA, Providing Admission Credentials to Military Personnel in or out of uniform.
- 6) SB1261 – Supported by WFA/CFA, Amend AB1499 to increase allocation funds from ¾% of Sales Tax generated on Fairgrounds (\$5 million) to 5% (\$30 million) and include a timeline for distribution of the funds; replacing the \$70 million allocation that was lost from the state in 2008.
- 7) HR1787 – Supported by WFA/CFA, Carnivals are Real Entertainment Act. This bill makes certain workers with a traveling carnival or circus eligible for P visas (nonimmigrant visas for athletes, artists, and entertainers). Such visas shall be available for workers who perform functions that are integral and essential to the carnival or circus, such as transporting and assembling relevant structures and equipment. Such visas shall only be available for a position if (1) there are not sufficient U.S. workers available, and (2) employing a non-U.S. national (alien under federal law) will not affect the wages and working conditions of similarly employed U.S. workers.
- 8) We are really excited about the new entertainment we have booked for this year; a flyer will be handed out at the Board Meeting with their promo materials.
- 9) Fundraising events coming up in April are – Bunco, April 12th – Calcutta, April 13th – Bingo, April 20th.
- 10) Inmate dates are June 10-14 for Maintenance and June 24-28 for Jr. Livestock.
- 11) Forklift Training is scheduled for March 29th, let the office know if you would like to attend, Krista Hymas and Michael Thompson has already requested to attend, we can have up to 8 people attend, currently have 4 maintenance people that require training.
 - Jerry Hlavac would like to take the training as well.
- 12) Met with Kristie from Environmental Health:
 - We can sell water for Agriculture with a release of liability signed by the person buying the water and the person delivering the water; will look into moving the overhead water drop out to the Well Site and putting in a circle drive-thru; also will

schedule a time with Jim White to do a run through on running the water to the tanks and from the tanks to the buyer's water truck; also working on water schedule and price, which will include weekends when the water department is closed.

- Nevada Food Trucks that want to be Concession Vendors at our events are authorized with their Nevada Food Permit, Nevada Health Codes are stricter than California, they will still need to purchase a concession permit from the County, but she will work with them on pricing if they only attend one event; Teresa is getting copies of the new policy for Concessionaires.
- Discussed requirements to sell leftover crab from Crab Feed, or if we decide to also just sell fresh crab from our office. Main permit challenge is if we wanted to sell fresh crab is that we cannot freeze fresh crab and sell it, that requires many specialized permits. Buying from R&R, who are seafood distributors is allowed, and selling the crab fresh after the Crab Feed, or from the office is allowed as long as it is sold within 2 days of purchase and not frozen.

13) To promote more Business Memberships, we will have a Welcome to the Fair Banner at the Midway Entrance with all the Business Members Logos, thanking them for their support.

14) Since we utilize photos of people at our events for advertising and other publications, I will be adding a notice to our signs at the gates that has a disclaimer such as "Upon entering the Trinity County Fairgrounds, you authorize your photo and the photos of your minor dependents to be used for Social Media and/or Advertising of the Trinity County Fair Events".

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Director Dennis Rourke (Chairman), Director Michael Thompson, Director Marjie Watkins (Finance Committee Chair), Carrie Bayley
- b. **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Director Marjie Watkins (Chairman), Director Michael Thompson, Sue Erenberger, Carrie Bayley
- c. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Director Adam Dummer (Chairman), Director Marjie Watkins
- d. **JR. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE:** Krista Hymas (Chairman), Director Michael Thompson, Director Marjie Watkins, Carrie Bayley

1) We had a meeting on March 12th.

2) Financial Report: \$49,787.52 in the account.

- Michael and I took some measurements. We will have a list of repairs and ideas soon.

3) We sent out contracts for judges. We got a new Large Animal judge, Sierra Jean Meyers.

4) Carcass

- Chico State will do pigs again, he will be working with Redwood to get the other carcasses done before they are sent to processors. All animal carcasses will be judged this year.

5) ShoWorks

- Computers

- The computers need an update to Windows 10 or 11 and Jenni is going to have her IT guy (Jake Ritter) look at them and find out the costs to update. One of the newer computers does have the update to run ShoWorks 24.
- CEO Bayley- We did purchase a new computer for the office for ShoWorks.

- Discussion ensued.

- Animal update

- Steer – 16
- Goats – 23

- Lambs – 17
- Hogs – 99
- Turkey – 33
- Rabbits – 10 pens
- Poultry – 2 pens

- The deadline for entries will be June 21st, 2024, and they will open a couple of months before that. Jenni is still working to get the YQCA and Prop 12 information to upload also.

6) Transport, Slaughter and Processing

- Dave contacted all the vendors from last year that are willing to make another year with some changes.
 - Beef and Swine slaughter fees went down so we will save about \$100.

7) Panels

- We plan to use them again this year, I will be reaching out to Jeff to see if he can pick them up.

8) Shirts

- I brought a sample shirt tonight. We are looking at other brands and materials.

9) Weights

- Weights will remain same as last year.

10) Cal Fire

- Inmate crews will be with JLC on June 24 – 28. I will be there and will get a sign-up sheet going.

11) Next meeting is March 21st at 6:30 pm in Hayfork.

e. **TCFA MOTORSPORTS:** Director Donny Case (Chairman), Angela Riggs, Russ Newman, Teresa Newman, Carrie Bayley, Christina Wine, Teresa Miller

1) We have our Bigfoot BBQ Enduro coming up.

2) We are still working on Sponsors for the Derby.

a. We are in a recession.

b. Sponsors aren't spending as much money on them. No one has the money to do what they used to do.

f. **EQUESTRIAN EVENT COMMITTEE:** Jerry Hlavac (Chairman), Director Jenny Millsap, Carrie Bayley, Christina Wine

1) Carrie talked to a private seller out of Red Bluff about a drag replacement. We are going to purchase that one.

2) We still need a screen.

- We need to get rid of the rocks in the arena.
- Director Rourke: We used to have a roller that would sift the rocks out.
- Teresa will ask Jason McCollum about a mining screen.

3) We talked about maybe eliminating sand and going with recycled rubber.

- Director Millsap: That can be really dangerous. It's not ok for outdoor arenas, to many things can go wrong.

9. **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

a. **POLICY COMMITTEE:** Director Adrien Keys (Chairman), Director Terra Kephart, Carrie Bayley, Christina Wine

b. **GRANTS & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:** Director Terra Kephart (Chairman), Carrie Bayley, Christina Wine, Teresa Miller

- 1) We had the Crab feed, and we made a profit of \$1,046.78.
 - 74 people showed up.
 - We had a good number of volunteers.
- 2) Bunco is tomorrow night.
- 3) Poker Tournament scheduled for Saturday March 23rd.
- 4) Our Easter event with Hayfork Lions Club is March 31st.
 - The Fair will be selling Baskets and Ice Cream.
- 5) Calcutta is scheduled for April 13th.
 - We have tickets tonight if anyone would like some to sell.
 - We are paying Ani Knight \$1,000 to cater the event. She was the People's Choice winner from Bigfoot BBQ.
 - Attendance might be down due to Elk Dinner and Mad River Wild Game Feed happening on the same night.
- 6) We are talking about maybe having a Bingo night in Weaverville.
 - This would be a regular Bingo. The progressive pot would not be given at this game.
- 7) Our Trap Shoot is on May 4th with Hayfork Lions Club.
 - Start time is 10:00 am
 - We will have a taco bar and Indian tacos.
 - Hayfork Lions will be doing most of the stuff for the event.
 - Fair will be selling scatter cards.
 - Carl Bonomini has ammo.
 - He will sell it at cost.
 - You can also bring your own ammo.
- c. **EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK COMMITTEE:** Director Michael Thompson (Chairman), Carrie Bayley, Shelby Proud, Christina Wine, Jennilea Brookins, Christina Merritt, Krista Hymas
 - 1) We are working on it. It will be sent to print on April 15th.
- d. **VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE:** Director Terra Kephart (Chairman), Director Adrien Keys, Director Donny Case, Carrie Bayley, Teresa Miller, Shelby Proud, Christina Wine
 - 1) I will be in touch with everyone here.
 - 2) We need an Auctioneer for Calcutta.
- e. **WELL COMMITTEE:** Director Donny Case (Chairman), Director Chuck Sauer, Director Adrien Keys, Director Terra Kephart, Carrie Bayley, Christina Wine
- f. **RODEO COMMITTEE:** Director Jenny Millsap (Chairman), Director Terra Kephart, Laurel Dummer, Jud Fretas, Michelle Bayley, Krista Hymas, Jennilea Brookins, Carrie Bayley, Christina Wine
 - 1) I talked to other Rodeos on how they make money, and everyone has said on food and the bar.
 - 2) Comacho said he will bid \$20,000.
 - 3) Looking at stripping chutes.
 - Colby wants to buy them.
 - Carrie will draft a letter to submit a bid on the chutes.
 - It will be a sealed bid.
- g. **LOGGING SHOW COMMITTEE:** Teresa Miller (Chairman), Jason McCollum, Jason Jurin, Aaron Haight, Taylor Haight, Director Jenny Millsap, Shelby Proud, Carrie Bayley

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. 2024 Roster of Fair Officials for Trinity County Fair Association

- b. Policy Updates from February Board Meeting (for Director’s Binders)
- c. 2025 Application Request for Fair Campsite and Fair Campground Rules

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve \$19,500 for 2023 Audit
 - 1) Director Rourke moves to approve; Director Watkins seconds the motion; Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approve moving of Concession Building #1
 - 1) Director Kephart moves to approve; Director Hymas seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.
 - Discussion ensued about Health Codes.
- c. Approve 2025 Fair Camp Rules and Application Request for Fair Campsite
 - 1) Director Keys moves to approve with amendments; Director Hymas seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.
- d. Approve Fair Exhibitor Handbook Advertising Placement from Lottery Drawing:
 - 1) Director Dummerr moves to approve; Director Watkins seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.
 - 2) First Pick – Kent’s Meat and Groceries
 - 3) Second Pick – Big Valley Properties
 - 4) Third Pick – LK Hollendbeak
- e. **Information Only, Contracts and Agreements:**

<p>RENTAL AGREEMENTS RA24-5e, TC Health & Human Svs Town Hall RA24-6e, Watershed Training RA24-7e, Hayfork Rotary Scholarship Bash RA24-8e, Log Cabin Quilters Retreat RA24-9e, TC Sheriff’s Dept Rabies Clinic RA24-10e, Watershed Training</p>	<p>STANDARD AGREEMENTS SA24-01, Wold Amusements, Fair</p> <p>ENTERTAINMENT AGREEMENTS EN24-01, Ariel Jean Band, Fair EN24-02, Louie Foxx, Fair</p>
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12. ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION – PRUSUANT TO GOVT. CODE 54957 PERSONNEL OR 54956.9 LITIGATION

13. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING SESSION/REPORT OUT

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS

14. ADJOURNED

Adjourned by Director Thompson at 7:56 pm.

Submitted By:

Carrie Bayley, CEO

Dennis Rourke, TCFA President