

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

Trinity County Fair  
Board Room – 6000 Hwy 3  
Hayfork, CA 96041  
**Thursday, May 18, 2017**  
**7PM – Open Session**

**Board of Directors**

Wallace Brinkley, President	Dixie LaFountain, Vice President
Sharon Eggleston, Director	Chuck Sauer, Director
Billie Miller, Nominating Chair	Dennis Rourke, Director
Adam Dummer, Director	Dennis Anderson, 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.

**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 during the discussion of any particular 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 Wallace Brinkley at 7:01pm.

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

- a. APPROVE DIRECTOR ABSENCES AS EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED  
President Brinkley, Sauer, Anderson, Miller, Eggleston, LaFountain, Rourke, and Director Keys were present; Director Dummer was absent. Director Sauer moved to excuse Director Dummer’s absence, seconded by Rourke, approved unanimously.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS / STAFF**

Raymond Patton, Raymond E Patton, Mayme Patton, Norma Jean, Sandy Bechtold, Cindy Blackburn, Karen Leadbetter, Jim Bayley, Brad Miller, Bob Burns, Tammy Russell, Steve Kress, Justin Molner, Julie Velazquez, Donna Grisham, Jim Carrigan and Benjamin Ehler were all present.

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

Association Member Sandy Bechtold said Angie did a great job working security during this past weekend during the Merle/Willie tribute concert.

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES

- a. APPROVE May 18, 2017 AGENDA and April 20, 2017 MINUTES

Director Miller moved to approve the agenda and meeting minutes, seconded Director Eggleston and approved unanimously.

## 6. APPROVE APRIL 2017 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Rourke moved to approve the April 2017 financial reports, seconded Director Anderson and approved unanimously.

## 7. INFORMATIONAL – VACATION/SICK LEAVE BALANCES REPORT FOR MAY 2017

## 8. CEO'S REPORT

- a. **Concert**

The music was fantastic but it was a cold night and not that many people came out. We have done the numbers and we took a \$14,000 loss on this first concert. Its one heck of a hit but we need to keep moving forward. The schedule is set. June 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have a vocalist contest in which people can come out and enter the contest for a \$20 fee. We will try to make some money back on this one.

- b. **Calf Chute and panels for Diamond W. 4<sup>th</sup> of July rodeo**

Tony Miller confirmed with Mike that the county did borrow various gates and chutes several years ago. Now the county would like to borrow the calf shoot and panels that go with it and Tony is willing to sign a document stating that they are on loan to the county.

- c. **Showworks Status**

I purchased some training videos for \$295 and we found out that our Showworks 2012 license will not work and we will need to upgrade to 2016. The upgrade is \$999 and we will need to purchase two new computers as well. Discussion ensued. Mike then said JLC is researching prices for the computers and Mike asked them to let TCFA know before they purchase the computers to see if we can find a better deal. Discussion ensued.

- d. **Charter School – Status**

Really the only status is Mattole will come to Hayfork on May 23 to inspect the building. It is not a sure thing but we are seeing if there is a possible fit. Discussion ensued. Jim Bayley said Mattole is looking at the fairgrounds as well as Hayfork's 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church School while they are in town. Even though Mattole is scheduled to visit both locations, they are leaning towards the fairgrounds. Discussion ensued. Mike explained that the buildings are not isolated as they share utility meters so some work would have to be done to separate them. Discussion ensued. Mike asked Jim Bayley how many students they currently have enrolled and Jim said there used to be 27 but now they are down to 25. Most of the students are between K and 4<sup>th</sup> grades and only 6 kids out of the 25 have ever been enrolled in the public school system.

- e. **Growing Wild Sponsorship**

Growing Wild wants to sponsor the floricultural building and have donated \$5,000 to do so for the year. In addition, they donated \$1,000 for the next concert. Discussion ensued. Director Sauer asked Mike if they decided to have their customer appreciation party here at the fairgrounds and Mike answered yes. Mike then went on to say that obviously we make money from the rental of the grounds for their party but it also gives the fair good exposure.

- f. **Q&A**

Nothing at this time

## 9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Wallace Brinkley (Chairman), Dixie LaFountain, and Finance Committee Chair  
Nothing to report
- b. **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Dennis Rourke (Chairman), Dennis Anderson  
Nothing to report
- c. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Billie Miller (Chairman), Chuck Sauer  
Nothing to report

- d. **JR. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE:** Laura Taylor (Chairman), Wallace Brinkley  
Wallace Brinkley said we are up to a whopping 21 steers and the kids are already working on their letters. Also, poultry inspection has been changed from 9am to 1pm this year.

**10. AD HOC COMMITTEES**

- a. **POLICY & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** Sharon Eggleston (Chairman), Adrien Keys  
Mike said he would like to see the board create a policy about the public asking for board members contact information. Discussion ensued.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE FROM SCOTT MURRISON AND THE L.K. HOLLENBECK LOGGING CO, INC.**  
Wallace Brinkley read the letter aloud and he asked what the donation amount was as the letter did not say how much it was. Mike said it was for \$1000. Discussion ensued.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

a. **WINTU VILLAGE DISCUSSION**

Raymond E Patton Jr said he has a problem with the structure that is currently at the fairgrounds and that it is not a traditional loot. He said he feels it is disrespectful to the people whom have passed on. Discussion ensued. President Brinkley asked Raymond if he was asking the board to remove the structure. Raymond E Patton said; yes, I am. It is incorrect from what I have seen. Everything about it is the exact opposite of what they really looked like. Director Sauer asked Raymond who built it and Raymond replied the Wintu Educational & Cultural Council. Director Rourke asked Raymond if he was asking the fair to remove the structure without any supporting information of his claims. Bob Burns said his family is from Hayfork and he himself was born in Lewiston and from all of the research and stories he has been told were consistent with the building on the fairgrounds now. He also stated that the info he has he was born with. Discussion ensued. President Brinkley asked Bob Burns if he was happy with the structure as it sits today and Mr. Burns replied yes. He went on to say that he could not understand where Raymond’s complaint was stemming from and why they can’t teach their culture. Discussion ensued. President Brinkley said it’s not really the Board’s decision to decide on what’s best for the exhibit. Discussion ensued. Director Rourke said we have listened to you Raymond both in this meeting and last month’s meeting. Why do we have to listen to your disagreement? Raymond then stated that TCFA would have to pay a injunction fee and defend itself in court. Discussion ensued. President Brinkley volunteered to meet on Sunday (May 21, 2017) to mediate between the two parties. Director Rourke moved to approved Wallace Brinkley as mediator, seconded by Director Eggleston and unanimously passed.

b. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AND RENTAL AGREEMENTS**

<b>RENTAL AGREEMENTS</b>	<b>OTHER AGREEMENTS</b>
RA17-30e Elsie C Drake (Science fair for kids)	COM17-06 Roderick Senior Center (Fair Table)
RA17-31e USFS Meeting	COM17-07 Airbrush Face Painting & Tattoos (Fair)
RA17-32e Trinity River CHP (drive tests in parking lot)	COM17-08 Trinity County Historical Society (Fair)
RA17-33e Growing Wild (customer appreciation day)	COM17-09 Redwood Teen Challenge (Fair booth)
	COM17-10 Chi Crafts (Fair booth)
	COM17-11 Kalimba Baskets (Fair booth)
	COM17-12 Trinity County Behavioral Health (Fair)
	CON17-10 Curvy Roads Kegged Wines (Fair)
	SA17-02 Growing Wild (Sponsorship agreement)
	SA17-03 Howell’s Art Shop
	SA17-04 Curvy Roads Kegged Wines (Concert booth)

Director Miller moved to approve contracts and rental agreements, seconded Director Anderson and approved unanimously.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

### ***Billie***

Not much except all board members used to get a copy of "Fair Dealer" magazine and she thinks it might just be her and Wallace Brinkley that still get them. She was hoping they could all get them again.

### ***Adam***

Not present

### ***Chuck***

Speaking of the Fair Dealer magazine, Chuck mentioned an article he read in that same publication that talked about PETA and how they might start asking questions about the junior livestock programs.

### ***Dixie***

Nothing to report.

### ***Sharon***

Big wedding on May 28<sup>th</sup> – life should go back to normal shortly after.

### ***Dennis R***

We were busy pouring beer but the Merle/Willie tribute concert was a great. Also, something about the last issue of the Fair Buzz newsletter that he wanted to mention was the fact that the independent exhibitor was only back for this year. He felt it might be confusing to some if it doesn't say that clearly.

### ***Wallace***

Not too much to report. Ben is in Jordan and Bradley is moving to Atlanta, GA to work on his photography business.

### ***Dennis A***

Nothing to report

### ***Adrien***

I wanted to comment on the concert as well. It was a great show. I really want to thank you Mike for sticking with it.

## **13. ADJOURNED**

Adjourned by board president Wallace Brinkley at 7:55pm

**Submitted By:**

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***Mike Fillette, CEO***

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***Wallace Brinkley, TCFA President***