

Minutes of: 25th District Agricultural Association

Meeting Held on: Tuesday, January 21, 2003

Directors Present: Myrna Abramowicz, Paul Battisti, Don Carr, Jim Cathcart, Dave Dickson, Paul Dohring, Hope Lugo, Peggy O'Kelly and Greg Rodeno

Staff Present: Joseph Anderson and Denise O'Brien

State Officials Present: Deputy Attorney General Anita Ruud

Others Present: Diana Badion, Kevin Courtney, Muriel Fagiani, Frank Hazelton, Jack Hussey, Laura Lafler, Jennifer LaLiberte, Barry Martin, John Moore, Chuck Neidhoffer, Bonnie Nixon, John Salmon, Pat Thompson, Kirk Trost

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM CONFIRMATION

President Abramowicz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., confirming the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Abramowicz called for approval of the agenda.

Director Rodeno moved approval of the agenda as corrected. Director Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Abramowicz opened the floor for public comment. She offered the Board's congratulations to Director Carr and his wife Lonne for being selected as Citizen's of the Year.

President Abramowicz explained the new set up of the room, pointing out the podium for speakers to address the Board, and the Board desire to maintain an open and accessible meeting room.

Muriel Fagiani addressed the Board regarding the homeless issue brought up in December of 2001, asking that the Board re-consider this issue now and that it be added to a future agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Director Carr moved approval of the minutes from December 17th and December 30th. Director Battisti seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND PROGRAM REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – President Abramowicz offered the Board's appreciation to immediate past president Battisti, thanking him for his years of leadership and vision at a crucial and difficult time for the Board. Vice President Dickson and Director Carr echoed these sentiments.

President Abramowicz assigned the Board to their 2003 Committees: Finance will be chaired by Director Cathcart, with Director O'Kelly as alternate; Personnel will be chaired by Director Lugo, with Director Dohring as alternate; Friends Ex-Officio will be chaired by Director Carr; Livestock will be chaired by Director O'Kelly; and Real Estate and Development will be co-chaired by Vice President Dickson and Director Rodeno.

Finance Committee – Director Cathcart reported that we ended 2002 better than projected. We had projected a loss of \$98,000, and actually ended with a gain of \$40,000. This change was realized by a \$30,000 increase in 2001's retained earnings, a \$42,000 saving in 2002's utility and sewer bills, and an additional \$60,000 in rentals for 2002. Our 2003 budget projected a \$120,000 loss. It is possible that we will internally adjust the budget to reflect these changes from 2002 so the Board has a more accurate representation of the current standing versus the budget for 2003.

Personnel Committee – Director Lugo will evaluate the Interim CEO by the February board meeting.

Friends Ex-Officio – Director Carr thanked the Board and the Friends for coming together at the holiday social in December. It was a good ice breaker, and good to have all parties in one room together. President Abramowicz would like Director Carr to extend the Board's invitation to the Friend's to participate more in the Fair Parade on Sunday, August 10th. Director Carr will relay this invitation.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for this Board Meeting.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

President Abramowicz reviewed the dates of the next three Board meetings and the Public Planning Session taking place on January 29th.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following: Rental Agreements # 2002-093 through and including # 2002-097.

Vice President Dickson moved approval of the Consent Calendar as presented. Director Lugo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CEO/MANAGER'S REPORT

CEO Anderson explained the items for action before the Board – Annual renewal of the Delegation of Authority, Change in Bank Signature Cards and the end of year Statement of Operations.

Director Rodeno moved approval of the delegation of authority. Director Lugo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Rodeno moved approval of changing the banking signatures to CEO Anderson, President Abramowicz and Vice President Dickson. Director Battisti seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Rodeno moved approval of the Statement of Operations for 2002. Director Lugo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CEO Anderson reminded everyone of the public workshop to be held January 29th from 7p – 8:45p at the public library.

CEO Anderson reported on the recent Western Fairs Association convention, including the Bagley Keene workshop, the state budget talks, and the exotic Newcastle disease in the poultry world.

CEO Anderson announced that the Napa Town & Country Fair was voted Best Wine Country Event for 2002 by the listeners of KVON/KVYN radio.

CEO Anderson has met with the Charter School representatives and the Charter School committee of Directors Lugo and Dohring. The Charter School is expecting to have a new proposal to the Board for the February Board meeting.

VISIONING SESSION AND PLANNING MEETING

President Abramowicz turned the meeting over to planning manager's Laura Lafler and Barry Martin and facilitator Bonnie Nixon, of Public Affairs Management, for the planning and visioning session.

Bonnie Nixon, Barry Martin and the Board reviewed the visioning from the December 17th Board meeting, and then each board member, and staff members CEO Anderson and Business Assistant O'Brien each gave a short presentation on their vision of the future of the Expo.

The Board adjourned for a short break at 3:33 pm and reconvened at 3:40 pm.

Bonnie Nixon, Barry Martin and the Board reviewed the commonalities that appeared in the vision statements presented, and reviewed the presentation for the public meeting on January 29th.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Abramowicz called for adjournment of the meeting in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Director Carr moved adjournment of the meeting in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Director Rodeno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting of the 25th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Myrna Abramowicz, President Date

Joseph Anderson, Interim CEO Date