

Minutes of: 25th District Agricultural Association

Meeting Held on: Tuesday, March 18, 2003

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

Directors Absent
And Excused: Jim Cathcart

Staff Present: Joseph Anderson and Denise O'Brien

Others Present: Muriel Fagiani, Frank Hazelton, Jack Hussey, Laura Lafler, Barry Martin, John Salmon, 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 Battisti moved approval of the agenda as presented. Director Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Abramowicz opened the floor for public comment.

Jack Hussey thanked President Abramowicz for her contribution to working the Mustard Festival over the weekend and encouraged the rest of the Board members to support the fund raising efforts of the Friends of the Napa Valley Exposition.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Director Carr moved approval of the minutes from February 18th. Director Dohring econded the motion. The motion carried, with Directors Battisti and O'Kelly abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND PROGRAM REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – There was no Executive Committee report at this meeting.

Personnel Committee – Director Lugo reported that the Personnel Committee has met and has a draft evaluation of the Interim CEO that the Board will take up in closed session today.

Friends Committee – There was no Friends Committee report at this meeting.

Livestock Committee – There was no Livestock Committee report at this meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – There was no Buildings and Grounds committee report at this meeting. Director Battisti will be meeting with Interim CEO Anderson immediately following today's meeting to get up to speed on the happenings at the Expo.

Finance Committee – Director O'Kelly gave the Finance Committee report. It is still early so there is not much happening. The state apportionment was received in March, instead of January as it was last year.

Fairs and Expositions approved our budget for 2003. Board members all received a copy in their board package this month.

Real Estate and Development Committee – Directors Rodeno and Dickson reported on their many sub committee meetings since the last Board meeting. The sub committee has met with people involved in the transit center development on Soscol Avenue, the City of Napa and the Vintner's, Grape Grower's, Wine Grower's and Farm Bureau, as well as people from the office of the flood control project. Judging from these fact finding meetings, we are headed in a good direction and getting many ideas for needs within this community that we could hope to meet in order to remain financially solvent in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received the budget and legislative updates from CFA.

NEW BUSINESS

President Abramowicz announced this new item on the agenda from Board members to bring up new topics for future discussion. Hearing none, President Abramowicz closed this portion of the meeting.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

President Abramowicz reviewed the dates of the next three Board meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following: Rental Agreements # 2003-047 through and including # 2003-053, Standard Agreements # STD-03-22, and Summer Fair Commercial Agreements # SUCOM-03-001 through and including SUCOM-03-042.

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

CEO/MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim CEO Anderson explained the 2003/2004 Major Maintenance and ADA Project submittals and the State Buy Recycled Campaign Procurement Report for 2002.

VISIONING SESSION AND PLANNING MEETING

President Abramowicz turned the meeting over to planning manager Laura Lafler and facilitator Frank Haselton of LSA Associates, for the planning and visioning session.

Frank Haselton, Laura Lafler and the Board reviewed the visioning from the February Board meeting and received a schedule of low, medium and high intensity use possibilities for the facility. The Board was asked to review this matrix and return to LSA with any questions or comments by April 1st.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:53 pm to evaluate the performance of Interim CEO Anderson as authorized by Government Section 11126(a)(1).

Joseph Anderson, Interim CEO _____ Date

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened to open session at 3:33 pm. President Abramowicz announced that in closed session a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that Interim CEO Anderson receive a 5% step increase in salary retroactive to December 1, 2002, and that a copy of an evaluation be placed in his file.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Rodeno moved adjournment of the meeting. Director Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting of the 25th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Myrna Abramowicz, President _____ Date