

## **2<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

April 27, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.  
San Joaquin County Fairgrounds  
1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton, Ca  
Board of Directors Room

#### **Board of Directors**

Joe Bacchetti (President), Brie Witt (Vice President),  
Joe Amen, Sam Fant, Nikki Linnerman, Junette Lopez, Judy Rodriguez

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### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Call the meeting to order 11:04 a.m. by President Joe Bacchetti.

#### **Roll Call:**

***Directors Present*** Joe Bacchetti, Brie Witt, Joe Amen, Nikki Linnerman, Junette Lopez, Sam Fant, and Judy Rodriguez

#### ***Directors Absent***

#### ***Others in Attendance***

Frank Lopez, Padrino Lopez, Terrance West, Carol Noceti, Tony Noceti, Jon Quiroz, Jerry Oliverez, Michelle Dias, Brandon Allred, Becky Mofitt, Jason Roth, Sergio Lopez, John Fuller, Bob Panella, Sr., Bob Panella Jr., Noe Perez, Ralph White, Bonner Murphy, Brian May, Fred Sheils, Virginia Gorman, Wayne

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Macest, Carlos and Lena De La Torre, Gennett and Mark Stebbins, Mark Sermeno, Karen and Kelly Olds, and Krista McCoon

### **Consent Calendar:**

Director Fant moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Amen seconded the motion. Motion passed, unanimously.

- A. Minutes – 3/12/2018 and 3/28/2018
- B. Interim Agreements – none provided due to staff illness, will be included in May
- C. Bills Paid: March 2018

### **Reports and Information:**

#### **Old Business:** *(Informational/Action by Board)*

- A. Noceti Group, Inc. contract update
- B. Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) lease - paving update
- C. Progress on electrical repairs and upgrades
- D. Update on insurance claim – gathering of info/working with CFFA and J. Sharp
- E. Update on the renovations of the livestock restrooms
- F. Update on fire sprinkler project at Winners
- G. Quit claim of property with the City of Stockton
- H. CEO update on the findings and recommendations presented by California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) on December 27, 2017
- I. Discussion of California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) land purchase proposal
- J. Discussion of Stockton Bingo contract renewal

#### **New Business:** *(Informational/Action by Board)*

- A. Community meeting follow up: meeting with law enforcement/sheriff
- B. Discussion regarding issuance of a request for proposal for motorsports events
- C. Presentation on the 2018 San Joaquin County Fair

### **Committee Reports:**

- A. Finance:
  - a. Approve 2017 STOP report
  - b. March 2018 financials
  - c. Tuleburg Contract Update
- B. Fair/Marketing
  - a. Update from fair staff and Tuleburg
- C. Policy and By Laws
  - a. Cannabis policy update

### **President's Report:**

- A. Committee Assignments
  - a. Executive

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- b. Marketing/Fair
- c. Finance
- d. Friends of the Fair and AgFest representatives

### **CEO's Report:**

- A. No report

### **Correspondence:**

**Public Hearing:** The Board will accept comments on the CEO's performance.

Director Fant moved the public hearing be the first item on the agenda, the motion was seconded by Joe Amen. Motion passed, unanimously.

Below are summaries of each's attendee statements, unless in quotes.

Carol Noceti, Noceti Group – has worked with Kelly Olds and Janet Covello for 10 years and has never seen evidence of any fowl play on behalf of Kelly or office staff. She has gotten receipts and had the most wonderful time working here. "It's always on the up and up" with the office staff and CEO.

Wayne Macaset, Central Valley Archery Academy – noted he's thankful to Kelly for allowing his archery team here. Wants to see Stockton be an Olympic archery facility. "Kelly is a pretty straight shooter and always has the best intention of the fairgrounds." He also mentioned "the staff is nothing but authentic."

Virginia Gorman, STAND – said Kelly has been very helpful and upstanding with them. Provided ideas on how to make their fundraiser more profitable. Noted that STAND always supports the fair and are members of the Friend of the Fair. "I have nothing but good to say about Kelly."

Noe Perez, Soccer for Kids.org – been here since 2001 and said it's the best soccer facilities in Stockton. Wants to work together to bring investors and have better facilities. "We have to work together to make this a better facility."

Becky Moffit, Tuleburg, CMO – Has worked with the Fairgrounds for the last several years. She noted that it hasn't been an easy endeavor, given the challenge and risk. However, when approached to work on the Fair marketing took the opportunity because of Kelly and Krista and the other vendors.

Gennet Stebbins, Delta College Board of Trustees – she highlighted Kelly's team spirit and knowledge about the people and facility. She also noted he fits the role of a leader.

Jason Roth, Tuleburg CEO – Works for the grounds because of the passion fair staff have and the dedication Kelly displays. "He sacrifices, nights, weekends, and stress for the fairgrounds." "His vision and direction are what made the fair 10 times better than 10 years ago."

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Padrino Lopez, Stockton Bingo – stated Stockton Bingo is here at the fairgrounds because of Kelly. They (Stockton Bingo) are growing and giving back to do more for the Fair. “The staff and Kelly have been excellent.” He said Kelly is nothing but professional.

John Fuller, sales manager with Coca Cola – he noted that the Fairgrounds is one of the few venues that Coke spent money on via soda machines as a partnership with Kelly. “He’s (Kelly’s) very transparent and accessible.”

Bob Panella, Jr., Delta Speedway – “The {Delta Speedway) contract has been the most life changing and fun experience.” It’s been nothing but pleasant. Noted they’ve had ups and downs, but have always been able to work through it. Stated he’s happy to have had the opportunity to work here.

Mark Sermeno, Impalas Magazine Lowrider Show – approached Kelly about bringing the Impalas Car Show back to the fair. This is the show’s fourth year back after being gone for 20 years. “The staff and facility are great.” He thanked Kelly for the opportunity.

Jerry Olivarez, Valdivia Enterprises – has been doing events here for a long time. When Kelly took over, his customers were afraid to come to Stockton, but now “customers are happy to come here.” He noted this success is due to Kelly and expressed his appreciation.

Bonner Murphy – Feels the Fair has been pushed on AgFest with little regard to their budget. Stated that “continual abuse of the AgFest organization is callous disregard of the organization.” Feels CEO and fair board members, present and past, should be held responsible.

Ralph White – Stated that if Kelly goes, everyone is going to be in the same place, or better. “Kelly ain’t worth a shit.” Stated that the board should do whatever it felt it needed to do and if that meant letting Kelly go, they should put someone local in the CEO role.

Mark Stebbins, South Stockton Merchants – Said Kelly has worked hard to ensure the community is served well by the fairgrounds. “Found Kelly hard working, fair, and a person both of integrity and a person of great entrepreneurial spirit.”

Terrance West, Taft Community Center – stated the Juneteenth Festival is happening at the Fair and attributed this to Kelly and his call to expand the cultural events of the fair. Said he “trusts that the decision that will be made will be in the interest of the community.”

Sergio Lopez, International Truck School – has known Kelly for two years and “has seen nothing bad.”

Lena de La Torre, SJC Fairgrounds Weekly Flea Market – “You can tell he’s done a wonderful job and all we have seen is progress.” Stated that the decision should be made for the best interest of the community.

**Closed Session:** The Board is authorized to meet in closed session for the purpose of considering: Personnel Matter—CEO/General Manager Evaluation [Gov. Code section 11126(a)(1)]

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Director Fant moved to adjourn into closed session, the motion was seconded by Director Amen. The board went into closed session.

### **Reconvene Into Open Session:** Report of action, if any, taken during Closed Session

President Bacchetti reconvened the meeting in open session.

He announced that during the closed session, by unanimous decision, Kelly Olds was terminated as CEO. Directors Sam Fant and Brie Witt were appointed to an executive committee and would be helping “hold down the fort day-to-day.” Directors Sam Fant and Junette Lopez will be make up the Interim CEO search committee and will work on finding an interim CEO.

Director Fant moved to table all remaining agenda items to the next board meeting in May. Director Amen seconded the motion. Motion passed, unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

Various community members asked what would happen to their contracts, especially those mid-negotiation. The Board assured everyone that arrangements would be carried out as initiated. Inquiries were made regarding the decision, but no feedback could be provided, given it was a personnel matter.

**Matters of Information:** No discussion/debate by the board or the fair staff shall be permitted under the Matters of Information. No action will be taken on such comment at this time, as law requires formal public notice prior to any action on a docket item.

A. Director Comments:

B. Next Board Meeting Information:

a. Date: May 23, 2018

b. Future Agenda Items: Items for discussion and/or action to be listed on the next regularly scheduled board meeting agenda.

**Adjournment** Director Fant moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Amen seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. by President Joe Bacchetti.