

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 IN THE
BOARD ROOM AT 2551 W. AVE. H AT 5:05 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER: **President McElroy**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Director Jimmink**
3. ATTENDANCE:
 - A. Directors Present: **Directors McElroy, Ward, Halley, Jimmink, Swetland, Emard, Barcelona, Eckley and Eliopulos.**
 - B. Directors Absent: **None**
 - C. Staff Present: **D. Jacobs, D. Smith.**
4. GUESTS: **J. Verseput, Littlerock Queens Committee; S Feinberg; S. Gabbani; D. Pierce, Juniper Hills Town Council; G. Halliman, Juniper Hills Pageant; S. Chase Juniper Hills Pageant; K. Heatherly, Juniper Hills Pageant; L. Alameda, Juniper Hills Pageant; R. Henstrand, Little Miss AV Director; O. Henstrand, Little Miss AV Director; K. Henstrand; H. Nemback, Queens Director; Y. Cahill, Volunteer; B. Smith, Friends of Fair President; R. Breault, AV Press; L. Weatherbie, Juniper Hills Community Association; D. Cason, Pearblossom Chamber/Junior Miss AV; V. Pomeroy, Juniper Hills Town Council; V. Kenpenaar, Juniper Hills Community Association and J. Gilardone, Rosamond FFA.**
5. APPROVALS:
 - A. Approval of Agenda **Upon motion by Director Halley, seconded by Director Emard to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**
 - B. Add other items - **None**
Cannot be voted on

11A. 2009 Fair Dates

Upon motion by Director Emard, seconded by Director Jimmink to move item 11A: 2009 Fair Dates to this spot on the agenda. Motion carried.

Manager Jacobs reported the possibility that our 2009 fair dates may be changed due to the possibility that LA County Fair may open on Labor Day weekend, overlapping our closing date. The areas affected are: carnival, vendors, entertainment and livestock. Manager Jacobs suggested that we get input from the community.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT -
LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES

Cantina band used foul language from Ricky & the Redstreaks. Staff was directed to place call to S. Thomas, TEI voicing our concerns.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Board may take approval action of committee reports.

A. Building/Grounds/Parking/

Director Emard stated that the grounds look great. He also reported that the Kiwanis Club used new kitchen at the JLA BBQ. Also, the exhibitors loved new small animal barn.

Upon motion by Director Emard, seconded by Director Barcelona to correct agenda by placing Juniper Hills pageant item to Item 7B. Motion carried.

B. Community Relations/Archives/
Queens-

1. Juniper Hills Community Queen Pageant/Juniper Hills Town Council, Juniper Hills Community Association

Director Ward reviewed past meetings regarding Miss Juniper Hills pageant.

7B1. Juniper Hills cont'd

Ms. Chase stated that she attempted to contact Juniper Hills Town Council (Mr. Pomeroy) three times with no success. Ms. Chase feels she is being judged negatively before she has a chance to prove herself and her committee.

Mr. Pomeroy stated that he did not receive any written communication from Ms. Chase. His main concern is a person representing Juniper Hills should live in the community.

Mrs. Weatherbie reported that the Juniper Hills Community Association was established in 1948. Mrs. Weatherbie was contacted by phone by Ms. Chase regarding interest in establishing a Miss Juniper Hills pageant. Ms. Chase was invited to attend a meeting, but has not attended one to this date. The community has no businesses to sponsor the contestants. The Juniper Hills Town Council and Juniper Hills Community Association voted not to have a community pageant.

The vote to decide not to have a pageant was held in July 2008 by the Juniper Hills Town Council. Both the Juniper Hills Town Council and Community Association are asking the Antelope Valley Fair Board of Directors to rescind the decision of May 22, 2008. They feel the organizer of the pageant should be from the community or at least attend a meeting. The contestants should be from the Juniper Hills community not another community.

Ms. Alameda stated she was in favor of the pageant as there are not enough positive activities in community and feels that nothing improper has been done.

7B1. Juniper Hills cont'd

K. Heatherly stated that there is a group who feel it is unfair that girls from Juniper Hills are not representing their community, but have to represent other communities.

Director Eliopulos stated that this issue needs to be resolved by the community organizations and the pageant organizers.

President McElroy stated that he is concerned with the lack of participants in many smaller communities.

H. Nemback commented that the communities need to connect and work together.

Director Halley commented that his vote was based on the fact that there was no community opposition.

Upon motion by Director Eckley to reconsider Miss Juniper Hills pageant decision made at the May 22, 2008 Board Meeting. Motion died for lack of second.

President McElroy voiced his appreciation of the time and input by all in this matter.

C. Entertainment-

None

D. Executive-

None

E. Interim/Concessions/Turf Club-

Staff reported the following statistics for the 2008 fair: Concessions +9%; Alcohol +7%; Gate +5%.

F. Livestock/Rodeo/Queens/Horseshow-
1. 4H Horse Show Sponsorship

Upon motion by Director Jimmink, seconded by

Director Halley to approve sponsorship of \$398.64 to 4-H Horse Show. Next Livestock Council is October 7 at 6:30 PM. Motion carried.

G. Legislative/Governance-

Manager Jacobs reported that AB 2250 is on the governors desk.

H. Friends of Fair-

1. Minutes of Board Meeting

B. Smith reported that Friends of Fair was approached to take over the 4.0 dinner as a major sponsor. This is a dinner that honors all 4.0 ranked high school seniors. Friends of Fair will vote at the November meeting.

I. Finance Committe

Director Swetland reported financials are not complete for final fair numbers.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Upon motion by Director Eckley, seconded by Director Barcelona to approve consent calendar with the exception of pulled items 8C3 & 8E. Motion carried.

A. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2008

B. RENTAL AGREEMENTS:

1. Interim

08-64 thru 08-69I

06-54I (AVMX) renewal thru 5-14-09

C. STANDARD AGREEMENTS:

1. Service Contracts:

SV08-61 thru SV08-72

2. Entertainment Contracts:

E08-53 thru E08-62

3. Sponsorship Contracts:

Upon motion by Director Swetland, seconded by Director Barcelona to approve item 8B3. Motion carried. Director Ward abstained.

4. Concessionaire/Vendor Contracts:

08-241C thru 09-243C, 08-313C thru 08-317C

5. Carnival Contracts:

None

6. Additional Contracts:

Fair Judges

08-193JL thru 08-225JHA

D. FINANCIALS:

July 1-31, 2008, August 1-31, 2008

E. EXPENDITURES:

Upon motion by Director Halley, seconded by Director Jimmink to approve 8E as presented. Motion carried. Directors Ward, Swetland and Emard abstained.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Thank you's - Sharon Runner, Aubrie Horwedel, Georgia Graham, Kitchen Craft, David Betts, Frances Krueger, CDFa, Peggy Bauernfeind, Tanya Fisher.

Acknowledged

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2008 Fair

Director McElroy stated that we had a wonderful fair. Happy to see numbers up and positive comments. Clean and organized. Congratulations to staff.

11. NEW BUSINESS

B. IAFE Convention

IAFE convention is scheduled for December 15 thru 18. We will not be meeting for entertainment. Staff will attend.

C. CFA Management Conference

November 10 thru 12.

D. Refunds

Upon motion by Director Swetland, seconded by Director Emard to approve refunds as recommended by staff. 8 Yes/1 No. Motion carried.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Jacobs thanked staff and Board of Directors for the hard work and support at fair. Director Eckley - Wonderful time at fair. Positive comments from customers. Director Emard - Thanked staff and Board of Directors.

13. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Swetland - Thanked staff, lots of family memories.

Director Jimmink - Thanked staff, appreciates work.

Director Barcelona - Had a great time.

Director Halley - Really came together. Board of Directors helped quite a bit more.

Director Eliopulos - Best fair during his tenure, safe, clean. Nine directors working for the good of the fair.

Director Ward - Best fair. Kind words from customers. Felt safe and would return. Recycle program was outstanding as we were at 48% and last year we were at 7%. Hope the Juniper Hills group will find a resolution.

President McElroy - It was no luck at all that we had a good fair. Thanked Board of Directors and staff for the hard work.

14. EXECUTIVE OR CLOSED SESSION:

None

15. OTHER ITEMS:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT: (Motion required)

Upon motion by Director Emard, seconded by Director Jimmink to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Motion carried.

Stephen McElroy, President

Dan Jacobs, Manager

INFORMATION:

Board of Directors Standing Meetings:

4th Thursday of each month:

Finance Committee Meeting 3:00 Conference Room

Study Session 4:00 Conference Room

Board Meeting 5:00 Meeting Room

Board of Directors Coffee Meetings:

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30 AM Conference Room

3rd Thursday 5:30 PM Conference Room

Livestock Council Meetings:

1st Tuesday of each month 6:30 PM Meeting Room