

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting**
Thursday – February 11, 2021

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the February 11, 2021 Sonoma County Fair Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting was held virtually. All actions were voted on by roll call.

VOTING-DIRECTORS PRESENT: Rob Muelrath, Chair; Max Mickelsen, Vice Chair; Annette O’Kelley, Marilyn Herzog, Kevin Howe, Carole Quandt

VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: Marcia Mickelson, Teejay Lowe, Tony Gerald, Bev Palm

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Heather Borck, Michael Margetts, Cliff Sanders, Debbie Townsend, Doug Gooby

The meeting was called to order by Chair Muelrath and roll call was taken at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director O’Kelley moved to approve the agenda, with Item #7 being tabled; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (not related to the agenda): None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING JANUARY 2021 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTS:

CEO Bartling presented the January Interim financials. Bartling stated that the RV Park, COVID testing in the Jockey Club, COVID trailers in D-Lot/Ballpark and building rentals for Jury Selection continue to provide needed revenue, and added that 7 additional trailers will be added to the Ballpark in the next month. **No action taken.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021 INTERIM EVENTS:

CEO Bartling reviewed the list of February/March 2021 Interim events, noting that the Spring Home Show will take place March 19-21. **No action taken.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REDWOOD GOSPEL MISSION’S ANNUAL GREAT THANKSGIVING FEAST:

COO Findley-Thorn reported that each year, the promoters of this long-standing event, submit a request for a flat rate facility rental fee, and that on May 26, 2020 the board approved the rate of \$2,700.00. COO Findley-Thorn stated that due to COVID, the 2020 event was unable to take place, and staff recommendation is to approve the 2020 rate for 2021.

Director Mickelsen moved to approve booking of the 2021 Redwood Gospel Mission’s Great Thanksgiving Feast, at the 2020 approved facility rental fee of \$2,700.00, with all equipment/labor fees to be reimbursed at the current rates; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PLACEMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE BENCH/TABLE IN THE OLIVE GROVE:

Chair Muelrath tabled this item until a future date. **No action taken.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF DAIRY BARNS

1 & 2:

CEO Bartling reported that high winds have caused damage to the roofing on Dairy Barns 1 & 2, and that a quote to repair has been received for the approximate amount of \$31K. Maintenance Superintendent Sanders stated that since the roofs are 20+ years old, the damage does not qualify for any insurance coverage. Discussions ensued regarding the different types of repair options, and pros and cons of repair vs. replace.

Committee recommendation was given for staff to continue gathering bids and researching alternate methods of repair. **No action taken.**

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (NON-DISCUSSION ITEMS): None

There being no further business, Director Mickelsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m., seconded by Director Herzog; the motion passed unanimously.