

**The California Mid-State Fair  
Heritage Foundation, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Torgerson.

**BODs Present:** Dave Belmont, Mike Coon, JD Cronin, Joanne Cummings, Debbie Dusi, Brenda Fletcher, Daren Friedle, Kaci Marcotte, Deana Nelson, John Peschong, Justin Perino, Ross Tenhaeff, Michael Torgerson

**BODs Absent:** Susan Beebe

**Members/Guests:** Steve Baker, Colleen Boroquez, Deb Cipriano, Michael Cipriano, Bob Cummings, Chuck Fletcher, Ed Hale, Thomas Humphrey, Kim Mott, Gretchen Roddick, Susie Torgerson

**Approval of Agenda:** Brenda Fletcher made a motion to approve the agenda. Mike Coon made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Deana Nelson moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2025, meeting. Daren Friedle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments:**

Chairman Torgerson asked the guests to introduce themselves and indicated this was the time for questions regarding items not on the agenda.

**Financial Report:**

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement through March 12, 2025, were distributed to the Board.

Deana Nelson indicated that all CDs would be renewed at the best interest rate on their renewal date. After a brief discussion, Daren Friedle made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports as submitted. Ross Tenhaeff seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson presented the list of checks written since the last meeting and indicated that Alpha Fire & Security Alarm repaired broken fire sprinklers. Mike Coon made a motion to ratify the checks written. Daren Friedle made a second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson stated there were no unpaid bills of which she was aware.

**Board Business:**

- A. Committee Reports
  1. Executive Committee – Michael Torgerson stated the Executive Officers did not meet.
  2. Budget/Audit/Endowment – no report.
  3. By-Laws –Debbie Dusi - no report.

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4. Concessions – Dave Belmont reported that the contract for the Silo has been completed, and the Committee will begin meeting in April.
  5. Elections – Deana Nelson - no report.
  6. Facilities – Ross Tenhaeff stated the measurements for new flooring will be taken and presented to the Board to discuss costs and what type of materials should be used. Michael Torgerson explained that noise would be a factor with an area this large.
  7. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe- no report.
  8. Membership—Brenda Fletcher reminded the Board that membership closes on April 1, 2025. Currently, there are 108 general and 46 balcony memberships that have not yet been renewed. Brenda indicated the Committee would begin reaching out to the people on the wait list should we have memberships available.
  9. Balcony – Mike Coon reported sixty-eight names currently on the wait list for balcony seats. Mike stated he calls all balcony members who have not renewed their membership approximately 2 weeks before the deadline.
  10. Scholarships – Joanne Cummings – no report.
- B. Special Committee Reports:
1. Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund Capital Project – Dave Belmont indicated he had not heard from Chris Darway. Colleen Boroquez stated the family was in favor of the project and gave their OK to go ahead. Dave indicated he would be bringing information to the Board regarding this project.
  2. Legal Task Force – Dave Belmont – no report.
  3. Capital Improvements – Deana Nelson – no report.
  4. Barn – Daren Friedle stated the Committee will meet in April.

**Old Business:** No Old Business

**New Business:**

1. CMSF Board Liaison – Nancy Wheeler-Nichols – no report.
2. Fair Update – Colleen Boroquez stated that 4 more nights of entertainment need to be booked, requests are out. Staff is extremely busy now with interim events, in addition to the preparation for the 2025 Fair. Invitations for the Annual Fair Dinner will be coming out in the mail.

**Board Comments:**

Ross Tenhaeff informed the Board that the due date for the Ag West Stewardship Grant is March 15, 2025. Ross also indicated that we probably would not be awarded this grant consecutive years running.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Dusi,

Secretary

*The Next Regular Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, April 9, 2025*