

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD
APRIL 27, 2005**

ROLL CALL

President Viscarra calls the meeting of the Plumas Sierra County Fair Board of Directors at 1:00 pm with Directors Gilbert, Olson, Kirkpatrick, Roberti, Bresciani, Roarty, Light, Wilson, and CEO; David Cline, DFO; Marisa Partlow present. Directors Serpilio, Neer, Swofford and Gutman are absent and excused.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Director Viscarra requests to bring NEW BUSINESS before OLD BUSINESS. Director Roberti moves to approve the agenda with changes and Director Kirkpatrick seconds. Motion is unanimously carried and so ordered.

MINUTES

Director Gilbert moves to approve the minutes as presented and Director Roberti seconds. Motion is unanimously carried and so ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Madden announces the first race of the season is scheduled for April 30, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

A conference call takes place between the Plumas Sierra County Fair Board of Directors and Fair's and Expositions Assistant Director, Bruce Lim. Mr. Lim addresses projected budget shortfalls and future budget concerns. In short Fair funding from the State of California is diminishing and there is little chance it will recover any time soon requiring all Fair's to diversify. Fair's and Expos have not done any reclassifications of Fair's since 1999. Fair classification stipulates the level of funding a Fair will receive for their yearly base allocation. The Plumas Sierra County Fair has been reclassified from a class II to a class I effective 2005, however considering the budget shortfalls, the Fair will not be receiving a higher level of funding for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and may receive less for their base allocation than was allocated for the current fiscal year. Several budget options are discussed, one being closing the fairgrounds for different lengths of time to cut operation costs. Other non-operating funding programs for Fair's are projected to be completely cut for fiscal year 2005-2006. Following the discussion with Mr. Lim the Board moves on to discuss budget options based on projections. The Board requests further information be brought back concerning layoffs and work furlough.

OLD BUSINESS

2005 Fair Planning

The exhibit building is fully contracted and a waiting list has been started for vendors.

Fair Reclassification Information Update

This item is addressed in New Business.

W.F.A. Membership Information Update

There is discussion among the Board in regards to possible benefits of membership. Motion is made by Director Roarty to inform W.F.A. regretfully the Plumas Sierra County Fair will not be renewing membership. Director Olson seconds the motion. Motion is unanimously carried and so ordered.

Prop 40 Project Update

David Cline gives an update of the projects. The Grandstand Complex project has a large portion of the total project completed with the resurfacing of the track.

REPORTS

Directors Reports

Director Gilbert gives a quick overview of the demands the Board placed on the the C.E.O. in 2002. The Fair was required to reduce operating costs, increase interim events and revenues and upgrade the grounds and buildings. Director Gilbert advises the Board will need to re-evaluate the Boards expectations. Director Viscarra advises the Board that currently Dave Cline works 50-70 hours per week and has expressed his intentions of leaving this position in September. The Fair Manager is one of the lowest paid department head positions and requires extensive time and effort on location. The last time the job description was reviewed for the Fair Manager was in 1995. Director Roberti states this issue will need to be addressed through the human resources department.

Staff Reports

Financial reports

Director Bresciani moves to approve the financial reports as presented and Director Kirkpatrick seconds. Motion is unanimously carried and so ordered.

Grounds Reports

Directors are invited to tour the grounds.

The Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board adjourns at 3:00 p.m. to meet again on May 25, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mineral Building at the Fairgrounds.

I, DAVID CLINE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL ARE CORRECT AS RECORDED.

David Cline, Chief Executive Officer
PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR