

FACILITIES/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 6, 2008

The 30th District Agricultural Association Facilities/Safety Committee met 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room on the Fairgrounds.

ROLL CALL: Present were Directors Pete Dagorret, Bev Ross and Farrell Shatswell.

DIRECTOR ABSENCES: Director Greg O'Sullivan.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF/GUESTS: Mark Eidman, CEO, Carol Hanson, Business Assistant, Mel Clatty, Maintenance Supervisor, Ali Abbassi, New Entertainment Concepts, Dave Ramelli, Mike Dudley and Don Krois, Red Bluff Round-Up Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

2007/2008 OPTIONAL FAIR FUNDING PROGRAMS

a. Infrastructure Matching Grants: Director Ross explained Division of Fairs and Expositions has designed a new Infrastructure Matching Grant funding program for California Fairs based on a three year rotation. The purpose of the Infrastructure Matching Grant is to provide Fairs with grants for major deferred maintenance projects. Fairs are asked to consider incorporating the Fair's Accessibility Transition Plan into the project proposals for the grants. Infrastructure will include projects such as new buildings, repairs or renovations of existing buildings, paving, utilities installations or other fairground up grades, such as event equipment to support Fair events or interim events. Fairs may use funds for multiple projects. All Fairs will be funded continuously over a three-year cycle. Class I and II Fairs which are not funded for projects from the 2008/09 program may apply for project funding from the 2009/10 program. Tehama District Fair is a class II Fair tentatively scheduled for 2009. At the close of each fiscal year, program funds that are uncommitted or not encumbered in construction projects maybe returned to the Infrastructure Matching Grant account for future reallocation. Director Ross reported Tehama District Fair has the opportunity to receive a grant of \$155,000.00. Eligible Class II fairs must submit preliminary project proposal into F&E by February 14, 2008. Eligibility requirements begin with Fairs having an approved budget and Statement of Operations by F&E. Fairs also must have completed or in the process of completing their Accessibility Transition Plan with Board approval. Fairs have been encouraged to work with CCA, CFSA, CARF and F&E to identify their priority projects. Also, to be eligible fairs must have community matching funds of 10% which would be \$15,500.00. The matching funds may be provided through a private source or civic source or a combination of both. Manager Eidman reported ADA Allocations, CFSA Millennium Flex, Disaster Relief Fund will no longer be available to Fairs. Manager Eidman said as he talked to the different personnel and renters, the list of ideas grew as to how to spend the \$155,000.00. The Maintenance Departments concern was infrastructure; heating/cooling repairs, roof repair, those types of projects. Manager Eidman said his projects were more revenue generating projects. The following projects were discussed by the Committee:

- Gem Building/Jr. Art Building - demolish existing building and rebuild in two or three phases, addition to include kitchen and bathrooms.
- Complete electrical upgrade behind main grandstands. The electrical upgrade has been discussed numerous times during past Facilities Committee meetings. Red Bluff Round-Up, California X-Treme Summercross Nationals, and West Coast Monster Truck Nationals would benefit from the upgrade.
- Attach a awing to the west side of the Bull Sale Arena, to continue from the Pauline Davis Pavilion roof. The length would be approximately 30'. The Red Bluff Bull Sale Committee has discussed wanting to completely enclose the west wall of the BSA. Building a wall would eliminate the options of using bleachers when needed for events held in the BSA.
- Various buildings are in need of roof repair and foaming; auditorium and cafeteria
- Upgrading cooling and heating in various buildings: auditorium, cafeteria, Tyler Jelly Building, Ron Knight Youth Ag Center.
- Additional RV pads south of the existing RV pads in the Trinity Parking lot. These would generate revenue during the larger events throughout the year.
- Additional 20 stall horse barn. Additional horse barns are needed for the larger horse shows and rodeos held during the year. Barns A, B and C are in need of major repair plus structurally unsound. Again this would generate revenue.
- New shop for the Maintenance Department. The shop is very antiquated; not tall enough to get vehicles inside to work on, too small an area, no running water inside, no bathrooms. There is a possibility Calfire will be doing some major renovation on their property, therefore, their maintenance building may become available.

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- Replace existing shower trailer which has not had a productive water heater for several years. Several years ago the cost of \$250,000.00 was estimated to replace the water heater.
- Several areas could use re-paving as well as some new areas which need to be paved. Unfortunately \$155,000.00 would only pay for a small portion of the needed paving on the Fairgrounds. Some of the larger areas which need paving is behind livestock barns and the Trinity parking lot driveway.
- After the unsafe incident of electrical power outage in the Pauline Davis Pavilion during the highly attended Gelding Sale, the need to have the ability to transfer switch generators into the facility systems became evident.

Manager Eidman reported he has been seeking sources to subsidize the local matching funds obligation required by F&E before fairs will receive funding. Red Bluff Chamber of Commerce Visitor and Tourism Bureau has committed to an \$8,000.00 donation. Matching funds will need to be received by 2009 when fair funding will be allocated. Red Bluff Chamber of Commerce said they may be willing to donate another \$5,000.00 in 2009. Director Ross clarified materials, volunteered time and matching labor may be submitted as contribution towards matching funds although they will be evaluated by F&E. Mike Dudley, Red Bluff Round-Up Association Director, stated he was sure once the Red Bluff Bull Sale Committee and Red Bluff Round-Up Association boards met and were informed of the Optional Fair Funding Program, they would be willing to commit funding toward the needed matching funds required.

Director Dagorret also would like the auditorium and cafeteria re-roofing to be noted as a priority. Although realizing the electrical project will cost in excess of \$155,000.00, the re-roofing should also be a concern.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 30th DAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Facilities

Safety Committee agreed to make the following recommendations to the Board at the February 19, 2008, Board of Directors meeting:

- Propose a complete electrical upgrade throughout the Fairgrounds. Stating one of the primary reasons is safety issues.
- Prepare and send preliminary electrical upgrade project proposal to Fairs and Expositions by the due date which is February 14, 2008.
- Request an assessment to be done by CFSA on the proposed electrical upgrade.

MATTERS OF INFORMATION

a. Committee Member's Comments - There were none.

b. Manager's Comments - There were none.

c. Schedule For Next Facilities/Safety Committee Meeting - Pending notification from Fairs and Expositions after reviewing the Fair's electrical upgrade proposal.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Chief Executive Officer

Committee Chair