



Meeting Minutes:

Time & Place: A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the 23rd District Agricultural Association was held at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West 10th Street, California, on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

Board of Directors Present: John Pence, President, Adam Noah, Vice President, Richard Hobin, Patrick Schoch, Bob Sherwood (on Zoom), Miguel Mauricio, and Cheyenne Erickson, CEO/Fair Manager

Also Present: Will Yurkovich, Bailey Lopez, Sophie Johnston, Sandy Parsons, & Maria Jehs over zoom Don Freas, Amanda, and Edgar

Call to Order: President Pence called a meeting of the Board of Directors of the 23rd DAA at 7:00pm

Flag Salute: President Pence led the Flag Salute

Roll Call: President Pence read Roll Call; All Directors were present.

Public Comment: Sophie Johnston expressed her concerns with changes to the livestock handbook. Sandy Parsons asked for the handbook to be on the agenda for February in case that there wasn't a solution resolved in the leader, parent zoom meeting. Maria Jehs asked about the ear tags for swine and expressed her concerns with no top weight for swine stating that unexperienced exhibitors might have overweight pigs. Will Yurkovich expressed his concerns with the swine and steer show being on the same day. Bailey Lopez expressed her concern for earlier show times that other kids could not watch their friends show. She mentioned that the pay increase could impact prices of the overall auction.

Introduction of Guests: none.

Action Items:

Director Pence made an amendment to adjust the agenda to move Basecamps to before the consent calendar.

Don Freas explained what Basecamp housing to the board of directors. There were discussion of their lease and their operations at the fairgrounds.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes, November 12, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting & December 10, 2025 Informational Meeting Minutes.



Director Hobin makes a motion to approve November and December meeting minutes. Director Noah seconds. Roll call vote, motion carries.

2. Standard Contracts- **None**

Interim Contracts:

Edgar from Foot sol explained to the board about their request for their lease. 10-12 teams have no covered spaces, 8pm-9pm serving community one of two soccer teams in Antioch. The budget is already set in stone. \$3500 proposed is too high. Seeking an hourly rate. Monday and Wednesday 5:30pm-8:00pm. It would start early Nov after Halloween. 5 months in the next winter. Counter would be M&W: 5pm-8pm would only have 12 and under kids in the big red barn.

Director Mauricio makes a motion to authorize CEO Erickson to execute a contract with DYSL for \$625 a week on Monday & Wednesday for 4 hours each day. \$750 for weeks that he wants to use it more than 2 days. Director Noah seconds the motion. Roll call vote, motion carries.

Director Schoch motion approved the interim contracts 26-11 not to be included. But approving 26-06 -26-10. Director Hobin seconds, roll call vote. Motion carries.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Executive – Pence & Noah- **No Report**

2. Budget/Finance - Noah & Pence- **CEO Erickson reported on October and November financials and presented 2026 proposed budget.**

Director Mauricio makes a motion to approve the October & November financials Director Hobin seconds the motion. Roll call vote, motion carries

Director Noah approves the 2026 budget as proposed and director Mauricio seconds the motion. Roll call vote, motion carries.

3. Livestock- Pence – **no report**

4. Buildings, Grounds & Facility Development – Hobin & Mauricio

- a. Facility Project List: Grant Project Update- **CEO Erickson met with grant writers still moving along.**

5. Fair Attractions Committee – Pence & Sherwood-



- a. Entertainment Booking Update: CEO Erickson reported that she has been booking entertainment for the 2026 fair.
- b. Local band bookings- none
- c. Carnival RFP- Still awaiting to hear back from CDFA legal. The RFP was submitted in December.

6. Safety & Security Committee—Shoch & Mauricio-

- a. Sheriff relationship & hourly cost- No progress has been made.
- b. Fair Security- CEO Erickson will reach out to fair security company for a meeting.

C. LEASES/CONTRACTS

- Master Gardeners- CEO Erickson informed the board that the Master Gardeners only pay \$1,000 per year. Their contract ends in 2027.
- Paradise Skate – tabled
- RV Park- tabled
- Walnut Festival- The board discussed that we will not be giving the Walnut Festival back any of the rental fees for their event.
- Base Camp Housing- moved the beginning of the agenda.

D. SPEEDWAY ELECTRIC – nothing to report, no update.

7. HERITAGE FOUNDATION REPORT- none

CEO REPORT- Director Mauricio approves for CEO Erickson travel to Reno, NV for WFA conference Director Schoch seconds. Roll call vote, motion carries. Director Hobin was not present.

9. PRESIDENT'S COMMENT: None

10. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the 23rd District Agricultural Association, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm



John Pence, Board President

Date 2/11/26

Cheyenne Erickson, CEO/Fair Manager

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Vote for approval of November & December Meeting Minutes

Director	Yes Vote	No Vote	Abstain
Noah	X		
Sherwood	X		
Hobin	X		
Schoch	X		
Pence	X		
Mauricio	X		
Vacant			
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Vote for DYSL Contract

Director	Yes Vote	No Vote	Abstain
Noah	X		
Sherwood	X		
Hobin	X		
Schoch	X		
Pence	X		
Mauricio	X		
Vacant			
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Vote for October & November Financials

Director	Yes Vote	No Vote	Abstain
Noah	X		
Sherwood	X		
Hobin	X		
Schoch	X		
Pence	X		
Mauricio	X		
Vacant			
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Vote to approve CEO Erickson attending WFA Conference

Director	Yes Vote	No Vote	Abstain
Noah	X		
Sherwood	X		
Hobin		Not Present	
Schoch	X		
Pence	X		
Mauricio	X		
Vacant			
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