

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE NAPA COUNTY FAIR ASSOICATION  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011  
Mark Porter, Jim Keag, Karan Schlegel, Ray Edds, Rich Holston, Mike Winrod**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Directors Porter, Keag, Schlegel, Edds, Holston, and Winrod

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** CEO Carlene Moore

**VISITORS:** Edie Englehard, Bill Squire, Kerri Abreu, Cindy Yant, Jim Yant, Ted Surber, Bill Gerhard

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Napa County Fair Association was held Tuesday, September 20, 2011 in the Main Office at the fairgrounds. Due to conflicting information as to the meeting's location, the meeting was delayed 5 minutes. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Mark Porter.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kerri Abreu once again expressed her concern for communication in that two paid employees during the fair were not invited to the volunteer appreciation dinner or a follow up session.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

CEO Moore reviewed the proposed By-Law Amendment to expand the board to 9 members total, 6 elected by the Association, 3 appointed by the Board of Supervisors. President Porter then opened the floor for public comment.

Director Holston explained that the Board would be listening to all comments and questions and would discuss those comments and answer those questions during the following night's regular Board meeting, at which time action would be taken.

Kerri Abreu doesn't agree with giving the Board of Supervisors 3 appointments right off the top and suggested that the recommendation that no more than 2 come from the same jurisdiction be removed and that only one person from a single jurisdiction be allowed. She also stated that she truly believes that if the County supported us then the city of Napa and the Napa Town and Country Fair would not have added a Fourth of July celebration over the past few years. Ms. Abreu also noted that this fair used to have livestock and everyone used to participate.

Cindy Yant reiterated her comment from the August board meeting that the association is open to all residents, emphasizing that there is nothing excluding Napa from joining. She questioned why priority would be given to someone who hasn't shown interest before. Ms. Yant also spoke of her conversation with Supervisor Dillon, noting that Napa Town & Country Fair has stomped all over us in the past, going so far as to put their exhibitor handbooks on top of ours in the bank. Ms. Yant expressed her belief that perhaps we should be focusing our attention on reaching out to the 4-H, FFA, and school programs instead of appointments by the Board of Supervisors.

Bill Gerhard asked if the Board of Supervisors were aware of this request and if they have shown any interest in it. He also stated that when the contract was negotiated back in 2008 that the Board of Supervisors wanted to distance themselves from the Association, no longer allowing the Association to use the official county seal and requiring the Association to get its own employee benefits. Mr. Gerhard

