

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC  
Wednesday, September 2, 2026**

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PRESENT: Kobervig, Jones, Whitaker, Carter, Bloxsom, Williams, Sanders, Pitts-Garcia, Forni-Feathers, Warden, White

MANAGER: Kathy Dunkak

OTHERS: Amanda Koch, Robin Cleveland, Nicole Gomez

EXCUSED:

**1. Call to Order at 10:04 am**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
- C. Record verification of legal meeting notice. Dunkak authenticated the verification.
- D. Determine Quorum. Kobervig determined that the quorum requirements were met.

**2. Approve Agenda, Previous Minutes, Consent Items, and Correspondence items:**

Forni-Feathers moved to approve these items. Warden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**3. Public Forum:** New hire is Nicole Gomez. She experienced her first event during her first week, and she jumped right in.

**4. Closed session from 10:17 to 10:23 am** Nothing to report

**5. Old Business:** None

**6. New Business:**

**A. Review Strategic Plan**

Dunkak has deleted what has been completed. Dollar amounts shown are cost estimates.

Armory project: Susie Davies gave Dunkak some contacts for USDA Grants. One is especially good for our water issues.

Question: Were any of these projects scheduled to be done in the current year? \$500,000 was approved for capital improvements.

We need a new Forklift – would HF be interested in helping fundraise for this?

Golf Carts: we need two six-seaters to cart people up and down. The rented gas carts we use are not in good condition. Dunkak wants to purchase some, so they are in working order. Electric carts don't last because of our terrain. Starlink: Bloxsom would like Starlink added to the list. It would help with cameras, etc., for the fair. Verizon and other networks get bogged down. Warden: We could have people pay to use it for events to help offset cost. Forni is the only building that has Wi-Fi, and it's not great. Williams: We need to invest in better Wi-Fi. Dunkak asked whether the Board would like to add or remove anything from the lists.

Goal #4: Board Development, keep or delete? Warden: members going to convention and retreats are part of board development. Might be good to educate the board on what they should be doing regarding nonprofits. Kobervig: need to look for more sponsors. Some board members are comfortable with sponsors and relationships. Dunkak: the five-year plan is to create priorities. Sanders: Board trusts Dunkak to make some decisions on the list and the priorities.

Kobervig: take #23 off regarding parking behind Raley's. Warden doesn't want it removed because we own it.

#9 RC Track (at Armory gate old Xeriscape): Sanders has gotten some great feedback, and some RC groups have great ideas. People are excited, and it would clean up that area. Warden said Bliss Electronics is interested in the RC Track. Sanders said we should prioritize the items: forklift, golf carts, Starlink, to make the fair run well.

#28: Starlink will support the PA system, and we can install more permanent cameras.

The organ specialist came out September 1 and did his inspection. We requested a report of how much it will cost to restore and make playable, and a report on how much it will cost to take apart, pack, and move.

#8 Warden: We need to upgrade the ADA ramp and grass leading to the fair office.

Carter: Thinks we need more full bleacher sets, seats you can sell.

Kobervig: We need electricity at one corner of the floriculture building where the pump is for Apple Hill.

Jones: major water problems in hog barns, filling buckets. Maybe build a pad that slopes down to create a water station and reduce mud. This will be put on the list. If we aren't going to use the licks-its, we can remove all the piping throughout the barn.

Warden worried about the original Beer Tree (American Legion Oak). Eric Hill from Hilltop Tree came out and removed a lot of weighted branches.

Kobervig made a motion to accept the changes to the Strategic Plan. White seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dunkak will provide the board with an updated 5-year plan with more cost estimates and listed in order of priority.

- B. **Fairtime Vendor Policy:** Vendors in good standing have first right of refusal for the next year's fair. American Legion had a three-year contract, which ended after the 2026 Fair. Someone offered to donate beer for the auction, but Legion didn't want to give it up. Should we keep going with automatic contract renewals? The Auction committee wants beer closer. Tabled for further discussion.

**7. Manager's Report**

Rodeo Bars grossed \$90,000 over 2 half days. The Fair Bars grossed \$64,000 over 4 days.

ABC Issues: We need the Speedway to have a full liquor license. Rodeo and the Fair might pay something towards it.

Had a \$4000 battery charger stolen at the rodeo (looking at camera footage to see if it was captured).

Table rest of the rodeo report until October meeting.

**8. Treasurer's Report**

Purchased a Home Depot Tuff Shed to create the mobile bar. Total of about \$4500 to \$5000 to complete it. Can take it anywhere on the grounds and rent it out.

Forni-Feathers moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Warden seconded the motion. Motion carried

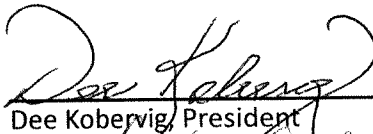
**9. Ad Hoc**

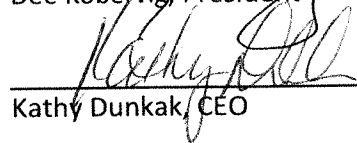
**Solar:** Grant through Air Quality Management (county level) could work for us. We would need to install charging stations (paid stations), and you might get one for large trucks. If gated, we can close the gates for security.

Thinking between Speedway and Henningsen would be a good spot (not where the camels go).

**Directors To/From: None**

Board Meeting Adjourned at 11:37 am.

  
Dee Kobervig, President

  
Kathy Dunkak, CEO

10-7-2026  
Date

10/9/2026  
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