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AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

AGENDA

May 23, 2025

12 p.m.

Agenda also available at www.desertempirefair.com

DESERT EMPIRE FAIR CEO OFFICE

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Darrell Eddins, President

Howard Laire, Vice President

Jim Kight, Director

Douglas Lueck, Director

Ray Hocker, Director

Bob Beecroft, Director

(2) Vacant , Directors

**Chip Holloway, Executive Director
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Mission Statement

To serve as a well-managed, safe, multi-purpose, year-round facility which meets the diverse educational, recreational, economic, social and entertainment needs of the residents and communities of the 53rd District Agricultural Association.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals who, because of a disability, need special assistance to attend or participate in any Desert Empire Fair Board, Committee or any Advisory meetings, or in connection with other activities of the 53rd District Agricultural Association/Desert Empire Fair, may request assistance at the Desert Empire Fair Offices, 520 South Richmond Road, or calling 760-375-8000, during normal business hours. Requests should be made one week in advance whenever possible.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be approved in one motion unless comment or discussion is desired. If comment or discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered separately before action is taken.

1. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of March 28, 2025

Accept & Acknowledge Contracts –

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. This time is for items not on the current agenda. No debate by the Board shall be permitted on such public comment. No action will be taken on such comment at this time as law requires formal public notice prior to any action on a docket item. Public comments on items listed elsewhere on the agenda will be heard as that item is being considered.

VII. MANAGER REPORT – Verbal

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- **CFSA Insurance Letter**
- **Rotary Thankyou**
- **Support Request to Senators Grove & Becker, Assemblymember Ellis**

IX. STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Events Planning Promotion and Marketing (Eddins)**
 - **Did not meet**
- B. Policy and Financial (Laire)**
 - **Did not meet**
- C. Fairgrounds Planning (Kight)**
 - **Did not meet**
- D. Executive Committee (Eddins)**
 - **None**
- E. Volunteer Community Committee Reports**

- A. Livestock – Kalie Kinsfather**
- B. Still Exhibits – Christina Owens**

- F. Benevolent Organizations**
 - Friends of the Fair – Chip Holloway / Ricca Charlon**

X. AGENDA ACTION Items

- **Approve Financials for March & April**
- **Review and approve all credit card expenditures and reimbursements**
- **Accept and File 2023 Audit**

XI. DISCUSSION Items

- **Update on Capital Projects**
- **Electronic Sign Replacement**
- **Concert Review**
- **Preview of 2024 S.T.O.P**
- **RidgeCon Review**
- **Freedom Fest Update June 28**

- XII. Old Business (Info/Action)**
- XIII. Next Board Meeting TBD**
- XIV. Adjourn**