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**Lake County Winegrape Commission
Board of Directors'
OPEN SESSION Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Lake County Winegrape Commission
3865 Main Street, Kelseyville, CA 95451**

1. Chair Jonathan Walters called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. Board Members present: Jonathan Walters, Broc Zoller, Bonnie Sears, Bill Brunetti, David Weiss, Bill Oldham, Keith Brandt; Absent: Bruce Merrilees; Also present: Debra Sommerfield, President; Susan Peters, Office Manager; Ben Kardokus, Sr. Agricultural Economist CDFA (via phone), Jill S. England, LCWC Counsel (via phone for Closed Session)
2. Minutes from July 26, 2016, meeting were approved, (*Motion #1, Sears/Brunetti, 7-0-1*).
3. Chair Walters led the Board in a roundtable discussion about 2016 harvest, including quality, timing, and yield.
4. Vice Chair Zoller gave an update on the Virginia Creeper Leafhopper research program led by Houston Wilson. The Master Vigneron Academy graduation for the 2016 class is tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2016, at TNT Restaurant in Lakeport.
5. President Sommerfield provided an update on current marketing activities, including plans to participate in SommCon in San Diego on November 16-19, 2016, as well as an update on CDFA Specialty Crop Block Grant. She also provided an update on hiring for a part-time marketing and events coordinator; Board members suggested various recruitment techniques.
6. Chair Walters stated that Executive Director Terry Dereniuk will be retiring from the Lake County Winery Association in December. No CAWG update. President Sommerfield provided an update on the Clayton Fire and that the #LakeCountyRising collaborative fundraising effort to date has raised more than \$1 million dollars to support community rebuilding.
7. Secretary-Treasurer Bonnie Sears presented July 2016 and August 2016 financials.
8. President Sommerfield stated the annual audit was performed by Zach Pehling of Pehling & Pehling CPAs on September 14, 2016, and the final audit report will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.
9. The Board entered into a Closed Session with Commission Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Section 1112(e) regarding the status of CalPERS appeal and potential litigation. Board entered into Closed Session at 3:55 p.m. Board returned from Closed Session at 4:00 p.m.

- 10. Board Member Brunetti led the discussion on the establishment of a retirement plan for the President. Board Member Brunetti and President Sommerfield consulted with Jeff Chang of Chang Rothenberg & Long PC and LCWC Counsel Jill England about the possible plan types and determined that a 457(b) governmental deferred compensation plan was the best fit. Board approved moving forward with the Executive Committee’s recommendations to a) engage Chang Rothenberg & Long PC to draft the plan documents to establish a 457(b) plan and to work with a third-party administrator to administer the plan (*Motion #2, Sears/Zoller*) and b) to fully fund the 457(b) plan in the month of November (*Motion #3 Brandt/Brunetti*).
- 11. Next meeting scheduled for November 1, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.
- 12. Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

**Lake County Winegrape Commission
AB 2720 Roll Call Vote Tally**

Attendees who Voted	Motion #1	Motion #2	Motion #3
Jonathan Walters	Aye	Aye	Aye
Broc Zoller	Aye	Aye	Aye
Bonnie Sears	Aye	Aye	Aye
Keith Brandt	Aye	Aye	Aye
Bill Brunetti	Aye	Aye	Aye
Bruce Merrilees	Absent	Absent	Absent
Bill Oldham	Aye	Aye	Aye
David Weiss	Aye	Aye	Aye
Outcome	7-0-1	7-0-1	7-0-1

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Peters
Office Manager