LAKE COUNTY
WINEGRAPE COMMISSION
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Lake County Winegrape Commission
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
Videoconference via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair
Bonnie Sears

Vice Chair
Bruce Merrilees

Secretary-Treasurer
Pete Dodson

Keith Brandt

Cameron Mauritson

Bill Oldham

Clay Shannon

Jonathan Walters

President
Debra Sommerfield

1. Meeting was held as videoconference and called to order by Chair Bonnie Sears at 3:02 p.m. Board Members present: Bonnie Sears, Bruce Merrilees, Keith Brandt, Cameron Mauritson, Clay Shannon. Board Members absent: Pete Dodson, Bill Oldham, Jonathan Walters. Quorum established.

   Also present: Debra Sommerfield, President; Megan Hoberg, Marketing & Events Manager; Mirek Wilczek, CDFA Sr. Economist. Guests from the Northshore Fire Protection District: Chief Mike Ciancio, John Barnette, Shannon Stillwell.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Minutes from the May 18, 2021, LCWC Board meeting were approved (*Motion #1; Shannon/Mauritson, 5-0-3*).

4. Northshore Fire Protection District Fire Chief Mike Ciancio made a presentation regarding a proposed Fuel Load Reduction and Fire Suppression Program and the effort to partner with organizations for support. Board Member Shannon agreed to work with the Chief to further discuss the program needs and present options to the Community & Industry Relations Committee at a future meeting.

5. Chair Sears gave an Executive Committee Meeting report, including an update on Directors & Officers insurance and office reopening procedures.

6. Marketing & Events Manager Hoberg updated the Board on the latest social media efforts.

7. Research & Education Committee Chair Shannon gave an update on the creation of additional viticultural videos.

8. Community & Industry Relations Committee Chair Merrilees provided an update on the Commission's "Future of Agriculture" scholarship program and the Committee's decision not to award the scholarship this year.

9. President Sommerfield gave an update on the CDFA Specialty Crop Grant desk audit.

   Board Members approved the final version of the *LCWC Policy Against Harassment* (*Motion #2, Brandt/Mauritson, 5-0-3).*

   President Sommerfield provided an update on the Board vacancy due to Board Member Brandt stepping down. CDFA Economist Wilczek confirmed the Board makes an appointment to fill the vacancy and the seat can remain vacant until then. Board Members discussed options and directed President Sommerfield to contact Michael Ryan, who was on the ballot in the most recent LCWC Board Member election, to ask if he would be willing to serve.

   Board Members thanked Keith Brandt and presented him with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service.

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10. President Sommerfield and Chair Sears presented the Final Recommended FY 2021-22 Budget, which was approved. (*Motion #3, Mauritson/Merrilees, 5-0-3)*

11. Upcoming meetings: Community/Industry Relations Committee at 3:00 p.m. on July 8, 2021; Board Meeting/Strategic Planning Session moved to July 27, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

12. Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

AB 2720 Roll Call Vote Tally

Committee Members	**Motion #1**	**Motion #2**	**Motion #3**
Bonnie Sears, *Chair*	**Aye**	**Aye**	**Aye**
Bruce Merrilees, *Vice Chair*	**Aye**	**Aye**	**Aye**
Pete Dodson, *Secretary/Treasurer*	**Absent**	**Absent**	**Absent**
Keith Brandt	**Aye**	**Aye**	**Aye**
Cameron Mauritson	**Aye**	**Aye**	**Aye**
Bill Oldham	**Absent**	**Absent**	**Absent**
Clay Shannon	**Aye**	**Aye**	**Aye**
Jonathan Walters	**Absent**	**Absent**	**Absent**
FINAL TALLY	**5-0-3**	**5-0-3**	**5-0-3**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Sommerfield, President, Lake County Winegrape Commission