



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes June 4, 2020

The Executive Committee of the Lodi Winegrape Commission met virtually via GoTo Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Altnow at 1:05PM.

Roll was called. In attendance were Chair Altnow, Ben Kolber, Aaron Shinn and Galen Schmiedt. Also, in attendance was Mirek Wilczek (CDFA Marketing Branch), Chris Storm and Larry Whitted. Staff present was Stuart Spencer, Jenny Heitman and Stephanie Bolton. A quorum was established.

Minutes of 5/7/20 were approved (Exhibit A). Shinn/Altnow - Carried

Public Comments on Items Appearing on the Agenda - None

Consolidate Bank Accounts - ED Spencer requested permission to consolidate Commission bank accounts at F&M Bank. Currently the two reserve accounts are at Wells Fargo. Motion to transfer both reserve accounts from Wells Fargo to F&M Bank. Kolber/Altnow - Carried.

FY 2020-21 Budget - The committee reviewed the draft income projection and committee budget requests. Several modifications were made to the income projection, and several adjustments were made to the budget requests. Larry Whitted and Chris Storm representing the Research, Education and Communication committee brought forth an additional request for the creation of a Viticulture Research Specialist position to enhance the Commission's research programming and foster collaborative on-farm research trials in Lodi (Exhibit B). The committee was in support of the concept but had concerns on how it would get funded. Spencer indicated that many activities within the proposed budget may or may not happen due to COVID. He indicated that the position was needed, and he supported it in concept. The position is not in the proposed budget, but that much could change in the coming months, and he would work towards getting the position filled. Motion to recommend the following budget to the Commission board. Project income of \$2,279,046.79 and projected expenses of \$2,307,682.65 with a \$28,635.86 budget deficit. Kolber/Schmiedt - Carried

Assessment Rate - Motion to recommend the Commission board keep the assessment rate set at .45% for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings - Staffing

Next meeting was not set.

Public Comment on Items not appearing on the agenda - None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Spencer
On behalf of Aaron Shinn
Secretary