

OUR FOUNDATION, OUR FUTURE

New Directors Appointed to Foundation Board

Ron Mathis and Ed Mertens are the newest members of the Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation Board of Directors. Both are public members on the Foundation Board.

Ron Mathis has been active with the Fairgrounds for many years. Most notably, Ron was instrumental in working with the Historical Landmarks Trust in completing and giving ownership of the "Gentle Giant Monument" to the Fairgrounds. With a broad business and financial background, Ron has always been available for advice and assistance.

Ed Mertens and his wife Wanda have also been



involved with the Fair for many years. Their family was active with the Junior Livestock program at the Fair, and they have continued to be major supporters of the program through their activities with the Bear River FFA Boosters. Ed's Farmer's Insurance business is an active participant at the Nevada County Fair, and has always supported the Fair and Foundation

programs.

The Foundation will be seating two, possibly three, new Foundation Directors after the first of the year. Several candidates will be interviewed for these new positions. If you would be interested in pursuing one of these positions, please contact the Fair office.

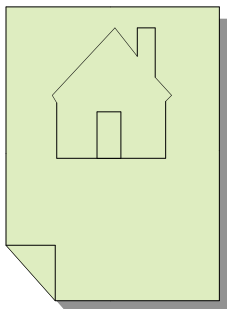
If you're interested in becoming a Director on the Foundation Board, please contact the Fair Office at 273-6217.

Transfer of Property

The Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation is pleased to announce that the property at 11310 McCourtney Road has been successfully transferred to the 17th District Agricultural

Association (the Nevada County Fairgrounds). The acquisition of this property by the Fairgrounds most likely represents the last major land purchase by the Association. Because the

property is located on McCourtney Road, between the Gate 1 parking area and the Community Center, it opens many new options on how the front of the Fairgrounds may be better utilized in the future.



“This project is one that the Fair has envisioned for several years and was the catalyst for creating the Foundation.”

New Building: Livestock Pavilion

The primary goal of the Foundation has been to build a new multi-purpose facility that will be the new livestock pavilion during the Fair, draft horse stalls for the Classic, and additional space for interim rentals during the off season.

The Foundation has contracted with Nevada City Engineering to design and engineer the project. The scope of the project currently being presented to the Foundation Board

and the Fair Board shows three independent structures replacing the existing swine barn, goat area, and sale ring. Each building is 100 feet in length separated by a twenty foot walk way. There are currently four width sizes being considered. There are still many details to be considered with each new facility, and as a design becomes clearer, we'll be sure that it is given plenty of public review.

The Foundation has generated about \$60,000 towards an estimated goal of \$250,000 to \$300,000. The Fair has approximately \$35,000 that can be diverted to the project, and there may be an opportunity of a matching grant of approximately \$100,000 through the Division of Fairs and Expositions. With a good year of donations, it may be possible to begin construction at this time next year, and have the new building ready for the 2010 Fair and Draft Horse Classic

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Year-End Donations

Please consider making a year-end donation to the Fairgrounds Foundation. Donations of any dollar amount are greatly

appreciated. The Fairgrounds Foundation is currently creating a brokerage account to accommodate any person

wishing to donate stocks to the Foundation.

All donations are tax deductible.

Election of Officers

New officers were elected at the Foundation's November Board meeting. The officers are as follows:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Directors

Ed Scofield
Simi Lyss
Ron Mathis
Tom Browning
Sandy Woods
Ed Mertens
Skip Lusk
Jeanette Royal

Public Member as of January
Current Fair Board Member
Public Member
Current Fair Board Member
Fair Staff
Public Member
Current Fair Board Member
Current Fair Board Member

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