

DURANGO FARMERS MARKET
PO Box 3761 ~ Durango, CO 81302

"It is the mission of the Durango Farmers Market to strengthen community ties to agriculture by providing a venue for regional agricultural producers to sell their products, by preserving open space, by promoting healthy farming practices and by providing educational benefits through hands-on experience. The Durango Farmers Market seeks to improve the quality of life for all community members."

BOD Meeting
(Tuesday, January 30th, 2024)
5:24pm Via Zoom

Those Present: Morgan Di Santo (President); John Buck (Vice President); Victoria Halligan(Secretary); Sheila Payne (Treasurer); Cassandra Freeman (Member-at-Large); Anna Knowles (Market Manager).

Meeting called to order by the president at 5:24pm.

1. Review Updates For 2024 Application
 - a. Major change made to application: Removed disclosing where the animals were born. Instead the application now emphasizes and questions how long a vendor had them and the conditions the vendor raised the animal.
 - b. Cassandra moves to approve the application as it was written for 2024. Sheila seconds. Motion passes.

2. Mission Statement
 - a. Board will re-write a new mission statement that better reflects the Durango Farmers Market mission. The board will ensure that if the market becomes a 501c3 that it will be reflected in the new mission statement. Membership will decide the final new mission statement at the spring membership meeting.
 - b. Sheila moves that the board work on a proposal for a modified mission statement for Durango Farmers Market for the membership to approve during the 2024 spring membership meeting. Cassandra seconds. Motion passes.

3. Sheila moves that the board implements a conflict of interest policy and that all board members must agree to sign and follow. Victoria seconds. Motion passes

4. Updates to the Rules and Regulations
 - a. Discussed ensuring the time frame required for raising an animal would not deter new young farmers from vending at the market. The R&R committee communicated thoroughly with vendors that raise animals to gauge timeframes and many of the members on the committee were animal agriculture vendors. The board determined that the time frame given would not deter young farmers

but it does allow for a significant amount of time that ensures the vendor raises the animal. Moving forward the board would recommend not increasing the time frame and to always include input from animal agriculture vendors.

- b. Change wording to include Colorado Dept of Public Health and Environment.
 - c. Discussed VAPP Additions:
“If an Agricultural Producer plans to sell a product that does not meet the requirements for a Value Added Agricultural Product (VAAP) in Section 2.c. and could be mistaken for a VAAP, then the vendor must clearly indicate, at their booth and in their application, that the agricultural component (e.g., cucumbers in pickles, strawberries in jam) is not from their farm or another farm within the five counties in 1.a.ii..”
 - d. Victoria moves that the board approves the updated Rules and Regulations and the review with the modification that Cassandra and Sheila will be working on regarding ready to eat agricultural products and VAAP. John seconds. Motion passes.
5. Executive Session
- a. Sheila moves to go into executive session. Victoria seconds. Executive session begins at 6:18pm.
 - b. Victoria moves to end the executive session. Sheila seconds. Executive session ends at 7:45pm.
 - c. Sheila moves that the board will communicate with the vendors in conflict that their membership will be suspended for 2024 unless their conflict is resolved. If resolved the board will consider a late application and will waive the late fee. Cassandra seconds. Motion passes.

Victoria moves to adjourn the meeting. Sheila seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria Halligan, Secretary