

Draft Meeting Minutes
Amador County Wine Heritage District
Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 AM Tuesday, July 1, 2025
9313 Pacific St, Plymouth, CA 95669

Attendees: John Di Stasio, Robert D'Agostini, Matt Zaldivar, Jeff Runquist, Scott Harvey, and Megan Van Hook

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 9:02AM by Robert D'Agostini.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: John Di Stasio, Robert D'Agostini, Matt Zaldivar, Jeff Runquist, and Scott Harvey

- Absent: Paul Sobon
- A quorum was established

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

- No conflict of interest stated

John Di Stasio made a motion to accept a letter of resignation submitted by Kathleen Mahan, effective June 25, 2025.

- Second by Scott Harvey
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

Scott Harvey made a motion that the Vice Chair would assume the responsibilities of the Chair of the Board until the next election.

- Second by John Di Stasio
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

John Di Stasio made a motion to remove Kathleen Mahan from the Chase Bank account.

- Second by Scott Harvey
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

Matt Zaldivar motion to appoint John Di Stasio as the Chair of the Policy Committee

- Second by Scott Harvey
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

Scott Harvey made a motion to approve June 2025 meeting minutes with the amendment of delinquent collections.

- Second by John Di Stasio
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

Matt Zaldivar made a motion to approve Special Board Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2025.

- Second by Jeff Runquist
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

DIRECTOR REPORT

Wine Institute

The Wine Institute has requested the support and sign on by all Wine Association to moves forward with language in AB 720 (Rogers) that provides for an “Estate Tasting Event Permit” for winegrowers. AB 720: Under our proposal for an “Estate Tasting Event Permit,” a winegrower could apply for a permit to host tasting events outside their licensed premises on their winery property or at non-adjacent vineyard that is owned and under their control – essentially a “pop-up” tasting room. These events would allow a winery to exercise all its tasting room privileges in their event space.

John Di Stasio made a motion to support the signing for the proposal of Estate Tasting Event Permit to be submitted on our behalf by the Wine Institute to The Honorable Steve Padilla, Chair Senate Committee on Governmental Organization.

- Second by Scott Harvey
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

Wine Heritage

Update on the ACWHD 1st quarter payment status, noting 24 unpaid wineries and 54 paid wineries, totaling 77 wineries.

Collection fees with HDL, noting that they will not charge a 25% collection fee until further notice.

Barbera Festival

Hired an event coordinator to handle logistics surrounding Barbera Festival which has been working out well. Ticket sales are down 20 tickets from this time last year and we are still looking for additional sponsors for the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment at this time.

ACWHD ASSESSMENT UPDATE

- Update on the ACWHD 1st quarter payment status, noting 4 additional wineries have paid dues collecting a total of \$640 additional funds.

Matt Zaldivar made a motion to approve Vendor Agreement.

- Second by Scott Harvey
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

Bring back to the Policy Committee the Independent Contractor Agreement to add a “change order”.

John Di Stasio made a motion to suspend co-marketing efforts until such time that the Amador County Wine Heritage District adopts a Marketing Plan and Policy related to co-marketing.

- Second by Scott Harvey
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01 was created and will be adopted via email once it has been transcribed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee: No Meeting was held. Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of each month at 10AM

Marketing & Event Committee: Sub Committee was formed to help speed up the vetting process for vendors. The request for a Special Board Meeting/ Marketing Committee Meeting on July 10, 2025 at 9:00AM to approve a vendor for creating an image brand kit.

Finance Committee: Seeking CPA accounting firms that can help with quarterly and annual reports and county audits.

Policy Committee: The Policy Committee is continuing to work on new policies.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

- The Board entered into a closed session at 11:52 AM pursuant to Government Code § 54957 reconvened in an open session at 12:11PM with no action items.

ADJURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn made by John Di Stasio
 - Second by Scott Harvey
 - Meeting adjourned at 12:12PM