LODI WINE
WINEGRAPE COMMISSION

Lodi Winegrape Commission
Meeting Minutes – FINAL
June 26, 2026

The Lodi Winegrape Commission met on Friday, June 26, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jacylyn Stokes Iniguez at 12:13PM.

2. Roll was called

Commissioner	Present	Alternate Commissioner	Present
Scott Armolea	X		
Pieter A den Hartog	X	Mitch Spaletta	
Jason Eells	X		
Dirk Heuvel	EX		
Farrah Felten Jolley	X	Gerardo Espinosa	EX
Joan Kautz	EX	Brett Pieretti	
Diego Olagaray	X	Galen Schmiedt	EX
Hadyn Schatz	X	Joe Laranaga	X
Jacylyn Stokes Iniguez	X	Colton Machado	X

Also, in attendance was Mirek Wilczek (CDFA Marketing Branch). Others present: Madelyn Ripken Kolber, Andrew Genasci, and Jake Wenger. Staff present Stuart Spencer. A quorum was established.

3. On a motion by Armolea/Schatz the minutes of April 28, 2026 (Exhibit A) were approved.

4. Public Comment on Items Appearing on the Agenda – None

5. **Financial Report** – Tabled to budget discussion.

6. **Chairman's Report** – Chair Stokes Iniguez updated the board on recent activities. She asked Spencer to report the board election results. The following growers were elected Commissioners – Dirk Heuvel, Farrah Felten Jolley, Joan Kautz, Madelyn Ripken Kolber, Jacylyn Stokes Iniguez. The following were elected as alternates – Scott Armolea, Gerardo Espinosa, and Colton Machado. Attached is the updated board list (Exhibit B). Please review your information and let staff know if anything needs changing.

   Nominating Committee – Chair Stokes Iniguez appointed Diego Olagaray and Gerardo Espinosa to serve as the nominating committee for board officers for the 2026-27 year.

7. **Executive Director's Report** - ED Spencer updated the board on recent Commission activities including progress on the formation of the Lodi Winery Improvement district, the Commission referendum results, his trip to DC with CAWG, the downfall of AB 1585 and other activities. (Exhibit C)

8. **Consideration of FY 2026-27 Budget** – Staff reviewed the proposed budget and income projections that the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs assembled on June 16, 2026 (Exhibit d). The group took a very deliberate approach to curtailing expenses due to weak market conditions and projected reduced revenues. The committee is comfortable with the proposed budget, reserve funds available, and staff's ability to manage the existing budget and make adjustments as needed based on how this year's harvest unfolds. Motion to accept the budget as recommended by the Executive Committee with $1,621,088.31 in projected revenues, and $1,676,843.06 in projected expenses. Olagaray/Schatz – Motion Carried.

9. **Consideration of FY 2026-27 Assessment Rate** – Motion to keep the assessment rate set at .45%. Den Hartog/Armolea - Motion Carried.

10. **Committee Reports**:

    <u>Executive Committee</u> – The committee met prior to the board meeting today.

    <u>Grower Marketing Committee</u> – The committee is set to meet on July 15, 2006.

    <u>Lodi Rules</u> – no updates.

    <u>Research, Education, Communication</u> – The committee is scheduled to meet on July 29, 2026.

11. Other Organization Reports:

<u>CWEF</u> – no report.

<u>LDGGA</u> – no report.

<u>SJCFB</u> – Andrew Genasci, Executive Director of the SJ County Farm Bureau updated the Commission on their recent activities including a nitrogen bill that was killed, H2A minimum wage bill and other activities.

<u>Lodi Grape Festival</u> – no report

<u>CAWG</u> – no report

12. The board went into closed session at 1:59PM regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of an employee pursuant to California Government Code Section 11126(a). The board returned from closed session at 2:30PM. No action was taken.

    The board discussed adjusting the Executive Director review process. Motion to suspend the current Executive Director review process and procedures and for the Executive Committee to propose a new review process prior to next year. Den Hartog/Armolea – Carried.

13. **Public Comment –** No comment

14. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings –** None

15. The next meeting was set for July 28, 2026 at Noon.

16. The meeting adjourned at 2:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Spencer
On behalf of Pieter den Hartog
Secretary