

## **Emerald Empire MotorSports Park Foundation Year-End Report**

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As you know there are many people that have dedicated time and effort to help further our goal of having a track we can call our home. I want to thank them for their support and their tireless dedication to helping with the forward progression of this project.

I am a conflicted environmentalist. One of the reasons we have such a beautiful state is because in the early 1970's a dedicated group of folks saw a need for laws that protect our state from becoming over-developed and to protect farmland and natural resources. Like the bumper sticker says. "No Farms – No Food!"

The reason I can support a project like this is that it can serve a multitude of needs for whatever community or locality it lands in and does not involve a large plot of land. These offsetting benefits are spelled out in our literature and on the EEMSP Website. The sites currently being evaluated are sub-par agricultural properties or that have other issues that prevent or argue against agricultural uses. In addition, there are plan alternatives that may involve continuing some agricultural uses that would still be compatible with our motorsports needs.

I have taken the time to read the laws as they relate to our project, and there are many. There will be people who will never support our project. Working with public agency partners, there are ways forward, and land use rules are living documents that can be modified. It ain't over till it's over!

Now here are some of the nuts and bolts.

Simply put, all the money that has been raised has come from within this community. Currently we have approximately \$15,000 in the bank. We have spent very little so far doing the business of the foundation. We are all volunteers and there is no office or staff.

We got some big donations from some very generous members and thank you for that. I want to acknowledge every donor because every nickel matters. So again, Thank You!

We must use every opportunity to do fundraising, like we did at the year-end banquet with our fantastic Silent Auction. We are so thankful to the club's sponsors for the amazing auction

donations, and to Lorin Wamsley for all his work in getting those donations. A big shout out to all of those who made the winning bids making our first Silent Auction a real success.

We brought in over \$1,900 from the auction and \$475 on the raffle. By the way, the winner of the raffle was Mary Richardson – congrats Mary!

There will be a time, I hope not too far in the future that there will be some real big checks written and we want to be as prepared as possible.

We have regular monthly meetings and just keep this moving forward. We have met some interesting folks along the way and appreciate their input and guidance. We have had some high-level meetings that are at this point interesting and show potential.

If you have an interest in joining our efforts or at least coming to our meetings, they are published in the Clubs' website every month. We welcome your interest.

Thanks everyone for making 2021 a wonderful year, we are looking forward to next year!

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