

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes

October 16, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.
225 West Olive St, Room 108
Newport, Oregon

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Frank Geltner called the meeting of the Lincoln County Fair Board to order at 10:00 a.m. Bill Hall and County Counsel Wayne Belmont were present. Janet Harrison took minutes.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of September 16, 2015 were approved as presented.

3. **Other Business**

a. **Request from Lincoln County Hospice**

Sherrie Flinn of Lincoln County Hospice made a request for use of the fairgrounds for storage of donated items along with a sale. Per fairgrounds staff, storage is not available, but a sale would work in conjunction with the Farmers' Market in November. Chair Geltner suggested the name of a community member who may have space available for storage. Bill Hall made a motion, Frank Geltner seconded the motion and all were in favor of usage of the fairgrounds for the Lincoln County Hospice sale.

b. **Request from Friends of Yaquina Light House**

Corey Kauffman, Execution Director of the Friends of Yaquina Light House, made a request for usage of the fairgrounds for a fundraising event on February 26, 2016. He said the event will include transportation and security coverage. The Friends asked for a reduced fee of \$250. Amy Howard stated that the fairgrounds are available on that date. Bill Hall made a motion, Frank Geltner seconded the motion and all were in favor of usage of the fairgrounds by Friends of Yaquina Light House for \$250.

c. **Vision and Mission Statement**

Bill Hall read the Vision and Mission Statement which was then reviewed. Upon a suggestion from an audience member, the word "children" was changed to "youth". Bill Hall moved to adopt the Vision and Mission Statement with the change included. Chair Geltner seconded the motion and all were in favor.

d. **Presentation of Report by Don Mann**

Bill Hall gave a brief background around the actions the Fair Board has taken to decide the future of the fairgrounds. He stated that 3 rounds of public hearings have been held over the last few years by the Blue Ribbon Committee, LRS and EconW, and Don Mann, respectively. Mr. Mann then presented a printed copy of his report, followed by a brief review of the details and recommendations for the Fair Board to consider. The report will be posted on the Lincoln County Fairgrounds website for public review. The Fair Board will consider the report at the next meeting to be held on November 3, 2015.

Emily deHuff from the Pick of the Litter Thrift store expressed concerns about the effect on the thrift store of the potential changes recommended in Mr. Mann's report.

e. **County Staff Update**

The 4H staff thanked the Fair Board for their support and stated that they have received tentative approval to hold next year's fair event. Michele Osterhoudt will be the new point of contact. Todd Williver is working on scheduling a carnival for next year and looking at the sustainability of year-round use of the equestrian area.

Kathy Block of the Master Gardeners stated that the group has tentative approval to use the fairgrounds for their annual sale to take place May 18 through May 21, 2016. She asked that the fees be waived for set up the day before the sale. Bill Hall made a contingency motion to tentatively approve waiver of the fees for the use of the Main Event Hall for set up before their event subject to availability. Frank Geltner seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Wayne Belmont presented the Fair Report for 2015. Bill made a motion for the Chair to sign, Frank Geltner seconded and all were in favor.

The 2016 Oregon Fairs Association Conference will be held in January of 2016. Todd Williver, Michele Osterhoudt and Frank Geltner will attend.

4. **Adjournment**

The next Fair Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 2 p.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners Conference Room 208. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

DATED this 3rd day of November, 2015.

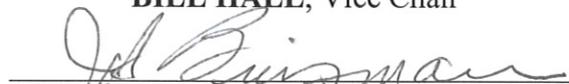
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