

# Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes

March 10, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.  
225 West Olive St, Room 108  
Newport, Oregon

## **I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Acknowledging that here was a quorum with Bill Hall and Jim Buisman present, Chair Frank Geltner called the meeting of the Lincoln County Fair Board to order at 10:05 a.m.. Wayne Belmont was present and Tanya Graham took minutes.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of February 11, 2016, having been previously distributed by email, were approved as presented.

## **III. Other Business**

### **A. Extension 4-H Update - Todd Williver:**

- a. Todd reported that the animal science program is getting busy and weigh-ins are getting ready to start. Also, Dippity ewe is scheduled for May 28, 2016.
- b. Todd requested that the position statement concerning flags and other paraphernalia be drafted. Vendors are beginning to sign-up and the statement should be part of the contract. Wayne stated that a draft will be available by the April meeting.
- c. Equestrian riding passes are now in place and have full support of OSU.
- d. Jim Buisman asked if the utility work had begun at the fairgrounds. Jack Whaley stated that the plumber had begun working on the projects but then four water lines burst and they diverted their attention to repairing the broken lines. Jack also reported that there will be 12 high flow spigots throughout the grounds. Once the plumber is finished, then electrical repairs will begin. Jim Buisman reminded everyone that the vendors will need electricity and water. The livestock needs water as well.

### **B. Transient Lodging Tax Update – Bill Hall:**

- a. Bill Hall reported that he Board of Commissioners approved putting a measure on the May 2016 ballot asking the voters for a 1% increase to the current Transient Room Tax (TRT). If the measure passes, then the recapitalization project will move forward. If the measure fails, then the discussion will need to occur concerning what the next steps are concerning the fairgrounds.
- b. The Board agreed to move the May 12, 2016 Fair Board meeting to May 19, 2016. This will be two days after the elections and we will know whether the TRT measure has passes or failed.

**C. County Staff Update:**

- a. Wayne Belmont reported that the Lincoln County Fair Board was presented with a 25 year longevity award at the CIS Conference.
- b. Wayne also reported that he has been working with the Surveyor on signage and will bring a draft to the April 2016 meeting for review. Frank stated that he will gather information on the different types of signs available. Everyone agreed that making the sign a community announcement board would be a great idea.
- c. Frank thanked maintenance for moving the sign on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Harney Street.
- d. Todd requested that once the utility repairs are made, then the next project at the fairgrounds should be lighting in the exhibit hall as well as outside.
- e. The discussion occurred concerning when the appropriate time is to start using the new name Lincoln County Commons ~ Home of the Lincoln County Fair.
- f. Frank would like to discuss at the May 19 meeting developing a subcommittee that can meet and discuss the development of the Commons. Bill Hall wants to make sure we receive as much public comment as possible.
- g. Jim Buisman would like Jack Whaley to make sure all water issues are fixed by August.
- h. A discussion concerning water pressure and the capacity of the plumbing pipes occurred.

**IV. Adjournment**

The next Fair Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners Conference Room 208.  
Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.

**LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD**



FRANK GELTNER, Chair



BILL HALL, Vice Chair



JAMES H. BUISMAN, Member