

# Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes

October 12, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.  
210 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room  
Newport, Oregon

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

Acknowledging that there was a quorum with Bill Hall, Jim Buisman and Frank Geltner present, Frank Geltner called the meeting of the Lincoln County Fair Board to order at 10:02 a.m. Wayne Belmont was present and Kristi Whitaker took minutes.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed by the board electronically. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

## **III. Other Business**

### **A. OSU Extension/4H Update – Todd Williver and Michele Osterhoudt:**

- a. Todd Williver and Michele Osterhoudt stated there was not much of an update on 4H as it is the beginning of the year. The extension office had an open house last week.

### **B. Potential 2018 Fair Dates**

- a. Todd Williver provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining a synopsis of possible 2018 fair dates.
- b. Commissioner Bill Hall advised Todd to bring the decided preferred dates to the Oregon Fairs Association convention and return with their feedback; the board would make a final decision at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- c. The reason the fair was moved from early July to the current date in August was because of the limited time the agriculture division had to get their animals ready. More animals are available for submission with a later August date.
- d. Todd stated that June weekend dates provided too many issues to be considered for hosting the fair.
- e. The first two weekends of July (7/6-7/8 & 7/13-15) have potential to host the fair. The first weekend is very close to the end of the school year, has potential for bad Weather and no rodeo, and the fair would lose it's largest food vendor. But, the weekend holds no fair conflicts and coincides with a busy weekend. The second weekend holds concerns over weather and the fair would lose it's Open Class Superintendent, Colleen Roberts.
- f. The third weekend in August (8/17-8/19) is best suited for the agriculture divisions and the weather is generally good, but, the weekend coincides with the Toledo Wooden Boat Show.
- g. The concern over conflict with other fairs is that vendor traffic is severely hampered.
- h. The last few weekends in August are too close to the State fair, submissions are due the Tuesday after our current weekend.
- i. The Toledo Wooden Boat Show does not have exact attendance numbers to show a drop in attendance due to the Lincoln County Fair (LCF), they do not charge an entrance fee.

- j. Bud Shoemake stated the LCF date affects the Toledo Wooden Boat Show's attendance as well as the number of volunteers.
- k. Rich Richmond stated the two events formerly were running with over 450 kids but dropped over 100 participants the first year the LCF was in conflict.
- l. The cardboard boat races have seen a decline in participants.
- m. In attempt to create a larger community event, the 2018 Toledo Wooden Boat Show will be combined with Georgia-Pacific's Family Day at the Mill Carnival.
- n. Jim Buisman asked if the Toledo Wooden Boat Show has considered moving their date, Bud Shoemake responded that it had but would prefer the LCF to move it's weekend because of the size of the LCF event and the historical weekend of the boat show.
- o. Moving the location of the fair would not be feasible.
- p. **Frank Geltner suggested Todd and Michele create a comprehensive analysis for the weekends of July 6-8<sup>th</sup> and August 24-26<sup>th</sup> to be completed and distributed electronically prior to the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Hall moved and Jim Buisman seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.**

**C. County Staff Update:**

- a. No reports were given.

**D. Master Plan-Refinement Update**

- a. The consulting firm, Coogan, Owens & Greene, is ceasing existence. The contract has been transferred to 3J Consulting. The primary and sub consultants are remaining. All the principals involved in the project will remain.
- b. The timeline of the Master Plan – Refinement has been set back, the firm is continuing to gather information on the existing conditions.
- c. The schedule will be revised and provided to the public.
- d. A Master-Plan Vision Committee is currently being created and welcomes feedback.

**E. Public Comment**

- a. Carla Perry voiced concerns about public outreach and delays with the consulting firm.
- b. County Counsel, Wayne Belmont, addressed delays stating that a meeting will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the adjusted schedule and currently target to have the background analysis complete by the end of November.
- c. Carla requested draft meeting minutes be posted online prior to approval.

**IV. Adjournment**

The next Fair Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners Conference Room 108.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

DATED this 9th day of November, 2017.

**LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD**



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**FRANK GELTNER, Chair**



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**BILL HALL, Vice Chair**



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**JAMES H. BUISMAN, Member**