

Lincoln County Fair Board

Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Lincoln County Courthouse
225 West Olive Street, Room 108
Newport, Oregon

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Acknowledging there was a quorum Claire Hall and Jim Buisman present, Chair Frank Geltner called the meeting of the Lincoln County Fair Board to order at 10:05 a.m. County Counsel, Wayne Belmont was present and Kristi Whitaker took minutes.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed by the board electronically; there being no corrections, *the minutes were approved as distributed.*

III. Commons Usage Requests

A. Keifer Nissan Auto Sale, Aug. 29 – Sept. 10, 2018

- *Claire Hall moved allow use of the Commons for the Kiefer Nissan Auto Sale with provision that receipts are allocated appropriately. Jim Buisman seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.*

B. Paul Brookhyser requested parking for members of the Newport Symphony, Sept. 29, 2018

- *Claire Hall moved to approve the parking request, Jim Buisman seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.*

IV. Other Business

A. OSU Extension/4H Update

- Todd provided a draft profit and loss statement from the 2018 fair event.
- The \$10,000 for the Nissan off-site sale will be budgeted as fair revenue. Wayne Belmont stated the funds will be allocated to the fair fund, but he will provide recommendations to how to allocate the funds at a later date.
- Fair revenue down 14%, in part due to having lack of human resources to solicit donations and sponsorship.
- 61% increase in Vendor fees, due in a part to adding the stunt jump and zipline.
- Entertainment cost is down; Newport Pawn and Precision Auto provided the monster truck entertainment.
- Service costs are down from last year, due in large part to the solar eclipse. Additionally, a new ATM vendor didn't charge a fee.
- Net income with sales makes 2018 the most profitable fair ever.
- Considerations for a four day fair in 2019 to include the 4th of July.

- Wayne Belmont encouraged the initiation of a conversation with the City of Newport now for the closure of Harney Street for the 2019 Fair.
- Todd Williver noted that the fair could feed into the Bayfront fireworks and the fair may re-attract a carnival. Additionally, 4H should be reintegrated after the one year deviation due to the 7 week change of fair date.
 - *Claire Hall moved to state that Fair Board wishes to continue a partnership between 4H and the Fair Board. Jim Buisman seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.*
- Frank Geltner addressed the helicopter and routes. Todd Williver stated routes are based on the wind direction; a carnival would use the space available for a helicopter.

B. Master Plan-Refinement Update/Consultants

- Wayne Belmont presented to the Urban Renewal Agency on July 30th and provided information to the City Council requesting specific direction from the city. Wayne stated there is difficulty moving forward with the uncertainty as to whether the City will participate with the County.
 - Claire Hall noted that there will probably not be an answer until after the first of the New Year with the coming election.
- The next meeting between the consultants and the MPVC will be at the end of September.

C. County Staff Update

- The toilet plumbing will be delayed until after the car shows are completed; asphalt will have to be dug up between the stage and exhibit hall to reroute the sewage line.

D. Public Comment

- Francis Fogerty voiced concern over Fair Board representation throughout the County. Additionally, Francis encouraged a hiring grounds manager and stated Harney Street should be a one way street with parking along the road.
 - Todd Williver noted that two years ago they tried to create parking along Harney St. with a kiosk managed by 4H and after 3 days only parked 96 vehicles. Todd stated he would look to see if someone desired to manage the parking operation. Frank Geltner noted the requirement of having a backstage for the fair and that this discussion will have to be ongoing.
- Jim stated that toward the end of the year, he will resign from the Fair Board and someone will need to be appointed to replace him. Jim recommended that the Board be increased to 5, possibly 7.
 - Francis Fogerty commented that two automatic positions should be awarded to a Commissioner and a 4H agent.
 - Jim Buisman disagreed indicating 4H participates as Todd Williver has and agreed the Board should be comprised of one Commissioner and 4-6 geographically representative individuals. Jim stated a grounds manager should not be a voting member.
 - Frank Geltner noted that the Commons Manager and liasons should not be a voting member on the Fair Board.
 - Frank Geltner indicated the need to develop a timeline for Jim's transition at the next meeting.

- Wayne Belmont will pull the statute for Fair Board composition.

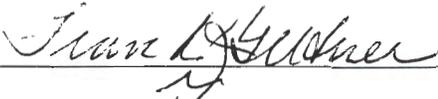
VI. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Lincoln County Fair Board will be Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 108 of the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

DATED this 13th day of September, 2018.

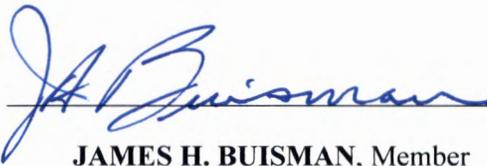
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