

FAIR BOARD REGULAR MEETING
June 7th, 2018
Lane Events Center, Meeting Room #2, 7:30 am

Thwing	Harris	Cosio	Deedon	Speer
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
			At 7:33am	

Others Present:

Corey Buller – Division Manager/Fair Manager, Lane Events Center
Rachel Bivens – Marketing Manager/Assistant Fair Manager, Lane Events Center
Layne Pendleton – Office Assistant, Lane Events Center
Gary Williams – Lane County Commissioner

1. ITEMS FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Four members from the Lane County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, Alan Murphy, Dan Cullan, Dave Flores, and Dan Swanson, were all present. Each spoke on behalf of the Posse; topics included: their personal involvement with the Posse, the organization's history and its functions, and the organization's involvement with the community and with the Fairgrounds specifically. Short discussion surrounding the Posse's contract with the Fairgrounds regarding parking during the Lane County Fair. Randy Thwing, Fair board member, moves to change the order of the agenda to bring item 8 (Posse/Parking Lot) to item 4.

MOTION: Randy Thwing		COMMENTS: Randy Thwing moved to change the order of the June 7 th agenda, moving item 8 Posse/Parking Lot to item 4. Brett Deedon seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: Brett Deedon		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Randy Thwing	Yes	
Jack Harris	Yes	
Sascha Cosio	Yes	
Brett Deedon	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff announced Dan Hurley was hired as the Public Works Director; the announcement of his hire was sent on Tuesday, June 5. Staff also made the board aware that the recent hire for the Fair/Events Coordinator is no longer with the team.

ACTIONS/DIRECTIONS:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 3rd 2018

MOTION: Randy Thwing		COMMENTS: Randy Thwing moved to approve the May 3 rd minutes as written. Brett Deedon seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: Brett Deedon		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Randy Thwing	Yes	
Jack Harris	Yes	
Sascha Cosio	Yes	
Brett Deedon	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	

4. POSSE / PARKING LOT:

Staff informed board that Corey Buller, Fair Manager, has been working with the county Finance Manager who looks at Fair accounting procedures each year. One of the areas that presented concerns was the current parking procedure, specifically items related to cash-handling, car-counting, and a written procedure. During this process, it was brought to staff's attention that the Posse has a separate contract with the City of Eugene to park cars in the land adjacent to the Fairgrounds parking lot. Due to a lack of separation of the land, it is impossible to tell how many cars can be parked on county property and on city property. Discussion regarding history of competing contracts and opportunities for improved communication and transparency. Discussion surrounding possible short-term and long-term solutions. René Speer, Fair board member, moves to give Corey authority to negotiate the contract with the Posse.

MOTION: René Speer		COMMENTS: René Speer moved to give Corey Buller, Fair Manager, and staff the authority to negotiate the contract with the Lane County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, with the intention of bringing information to the July 5 th Fair board meeting. Brett Deedon seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: Brett Deedon		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Randy Thwing	Yes	
Jack Harris	Yes	
Sascha Cosio	Yes	
Brett Deedon	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	

ACTIONS/DIRECTIONS:

Staff will inform board of discussions and decisions at the July 5th Fair board meeting.

5. FAIR JUDGING SIGN-UPS:

Staff passed around the sheet to sign up for Fair Board Award judging in exhibits departments.

ACTIONS/DIRECTIONS:

Staff will bring more information regarding judging times and schedules to the July 5th Fair board meeting.

6. EXHIBITS UPDATE / LAYOUT CHANGES:

Staff provided the board with an exhibits update including entry deadlines (Youth Fair entry deadline was June 1st, Open Livestock concludes June 25th, and Creatives on July 2nd), current total entries (510), current total exhibitors (128), and current total youth entries (148 animals). Staff also informed board regarding layout changes: Open Show cattle are moving into Expo Hall 5 South and 4-H small animals are moving into Expo Hall 6. These changes are to accommodate animal needs; all parties involved are pleased with the move. Also, staff told board the Fair will again have a sow and litter display, as well as a mini donkey.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

Staff will present board with an up-to-date exhibits report at the July 5th Fair board meeting as entries will be closed at that time.

7. BEVERAGE PROVIDER RFQ:

Staff informed board Lane Events Center and Lane County Fair were due for a new beverage provider contract. This contract mainly covers carbonated beverages. After completing the process, staff selected Bigfoot Beverages for the next 3 years.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

None.

8. OREGON LOTTERY:

Staff explained to board that our exclusive alcohol beverage provider, Oregon Beverage Services, is a licensed retailer for the Oregon Lottery. They have proposed to have a lottery lounge this year at the Fair; the area would include machines, a cash bar, and a seating area.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

Staff will keep board updated on this potential addition to the Fair at the next meeting.

9. OTHER:

- a. Staff notified board that a separate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been created for FFA. At this time, the document is going through the signature process.

Meeting adjourned.

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Jack Harris, President

MINUTES ARE DRAFT AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL APPROVED BY THE FAIR BOARD AT THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING