

FAIR BOARD MEETING
February 4, 2021,
Virtual Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Thwing	Speer	Moulton	Voorhees	Cunningham
Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present

Others Present:

Corey Buller – Fair Manager, Lane Events Center Division Manager
 Rachel Bivens – Marketing Manager/Assistant Fair Manager, Lane Events Center
 Emily Zajac – Marketing & Sales Specialist, Lane Events Center
 Dan Hurley - Lane County Public Works Director
 Laurie Triefer - Lane County Commissioner
 Dr. Melinda Garcia - 4-H Program Coordinator

1. ITEMS FROM THE COMMUNITY:

None.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sad news was announced that long time Fair Coordinator for Granges and Land Products, Malcolm Trupp passed away earlier this week. He was a huge asset to the Fair and will be sorely missed.

ACTION DIRECTION:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 1, 2020

MOTION: René Speer		COMMENTS: Richard Cunningham moved to approve the October 1, 2020 minutes as written. René Speer seconds. All in favor, Commissioner Triefer abstained.
SECOND: Richard Cunningham		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Randy Thwing	Absent	
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Triefer	Abstain	

4. INTRODUCTION – LANE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, LAURIE TRIEGER

Commissioner Triefer discussed her background and excitement for being the new Fair Board Liaison.

5. INTRODUCTION – LANE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM COORDINATOR DR. MELINDA GARCIA

Dr. Garcia discussed her background and experience in San Antonio, Texas and her excitement for her new role with Oregon and Lane County 4-H.

6. CURRENT STATUS UPDATE

Over the past 10 months LEC has been a site for a congregate homeless shelter, Wildfire Animal Rescue Shelter, Wildfire Multi Agency Resource Center, FEMA and Red Cross resource centers, Egan warming shelter on multiple days, COVID testing site and currently COVID vaccination clinics.

In addition we have staff that have been working or rotating through Wildfire Emergency Operations Center, COVID Emergency Operations Center, Call Centers, Emergency Management Support, Wildfire Housing Support and various other functions.

We are still currently in the Extreme Risk category, very limited with a lot of clients anxiously awaiting lower risk categories or new guidelines. A lot of events have pushed to April, May and June in hopes of operating.

Homes for Good is under construction on the Permanent Supportive Housing project on the corner of the Fairgrounds at 13th and Tyler.

ACTION/DIRECTION:
None

7. **2021 MEETING SCHEDULE:** Meeting schedule of February, April, June, July, August, September, November and joint meeting in December proposed for approval.

MOTION: René Speer		COMMENTS René Speer moved to accept the schedule as written with the knowledge that as COVID restrictions change there may be a need to add a meeting to the schedule. Richard Cunningham seconds. All in Favor.
SECOND: Richard Cunningham		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Randy Thwing	Absent	
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Triegeer	Yes	

8. **2021 FAIR DISCUSSION/PLAN AND GOALS:**

Discussion surrounding the Staff's goal of creating a vibrant, safe, family friendly event within the COVID rules and regulations that may exist at that time. Many options are being considered as we move forward with planning without knowing what the restrictions might be. Goal of providing the same high level of entertainment while still reducing expenses and maintaining the highest level of cleaning and safety protocol.

Elimination of the Open Livestock Show (with the exception of horses) and adjustments to indoor and outdoor layouts are some of the items being discussed and worked on by staff. Discussion surrounding Auction location and the fact that 4-H has multiple plans for consideration depending on the regulations at that time.

Discussion surrounding enforcement of COVID protocol. Discussion surrounding resources and if LCF is talking with other Fairs and sharing ideas.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

Staff will continue to keep the Board apprised of possible changes and adjustments as we move forward.

9. **BUDGET:**

Staff went through the proposed 2021 Fair budget. Discussion surrounding referring to the 2019 Fair actuals as a base line and adjusting expectations based on the unique circumstances of COVID this year. Budget theory is conservative in revenues and aggressive in reducing expenses. Board inquired as to if Staff will continue to partner with the Sheriff's Posse and Search and Rescue at a 50/50 revenue split on the parking. Staff indicated that is the intention for this year. Discussion surrounding reserves as this is typical of county budgeting.

MOTION: Richard Cunningham		COMMENTS: Richard Cunningham motions to accept the budget as presented. René Speer seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: Debra Moulton		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Randy Thwing	Absent	
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Triegeer	Yes	

10. **OTHER:**

General discussion surrounding the Fair and COVID protocol. Richard Cunningham complimented the work the staff has done over the last year as well as our ability to budget accurately each year. Sid Voorhees echoed these sentiments.

Discussing surrounding what guidelines 4-H is following and that they are under the jurisdiction of OSU and so follow the protocol they have in place. They are optimistic but also realistic about how the year will unfold.

11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

MOTION: Richard Cunningham		COMMENTS: René Speer motions to adjourn the meeting. Richard Cunningham seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: Debra Moulton		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Randy Thwing	Absent	
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Trieger	Yes	

Meeting adjourned.

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Sid Voorhees, President

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