

FAIR BOARD MEETING
August 3, 2023
Meeting Room 2, 7:30 a.m.

Speer	Moulton	Voorhees	Cunningham	Webber	Crofoot
Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present
					Late arrival

Others Present:

Corey Buller – Fair Manager/Division Manager, Lane Events Center
 Rachel Bivens – Assistant Fair Manager/Marketing Manager, Lane Events Center
 Becky Kirsch – Office Assistant, Lane Events Center
 Dan Hurley – Director, Lane County Public Works
 Laurie Trieger – Lane County Commissioner, Late arrival
 Paul Vitus – Lane County Fair Security Manager

1. ITEMS FROM THE COMMUNITY:

None

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 6, 2023 – ACTION ITEM

MOTION: Richard Cunningham		COMMENTS: Richard Cunningham motioned to approve the July 6, 2023 minutes as written. Bruce Webber seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: Bruce Webber		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Wendee Crofoot	Yes	
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Absent	
Bruce Webber	Yes	
Laurie Trieger	Abstain	

4. POST FAIR UPDATE & DEBRIEF:

Staff spoke about how the Fair went well overall. Staff is still working on attendance numbers and will have them at the next meeting. Carnival revenue presale for ride bracelets was up with a number of 11,899 bracelets sold. Concert sales were up with Scotty McCreery being the highest for sales and Sheila E. bringing in the least. Sponsorship numbers are still pending. Staff is hoping we will be over budget but will have numbers at the next meeting. There was a solid number for creative exhibits and horse entries were up. Food for Lane County received 16,933 pounds of food during the food drive. This is up about 3,000 pounds from 2022. BloodworksNW collected 2,300 pints of blood this year during the Pint for a Pass Promo. Commercial vendor sales were slightly lower than previous years but Group Sales of admissions increased.

Paul Vitus, Security Manager for the Fair and former Lane County Sheriff Deputy gave an update to the Fair Board regarding security during the Fair. He felt that things went well overall. There was not an exorbitant amount of medical calls. The majority of them were heat exhaustion calls however only two had to be transported to the hospital. Commissioner Trieger asked if this was due to alcohol consumption. Mr. Vitus indicated that one was however it was not due to negligence on the part of the on-site beverage providers but rather that the patron had arrived to the property already inebriated. Mr. Vitus did discuss the incident that occurred in the parking lot Friday night however discussion was limited as this is an active investigation with the Eugene Police Department so no details were shared. Mr. Vitus is investigating a few other incidents that occurred during the Fair, one off the property and one trip and fall. He is still waiting to receive reports from all involved parties and all incidents are currently under investigation so minimal details were shared here as well. Mr. Vitus did discuss the bag checks at the gates and that they went well this year. Overall he felt that

security did a good job this year and was pleased. Question by Commissioner Trieger about security and if the Fair jurisdiction covers just county property and that was confirmed.

Staff spoke about being invited to take part in a discussion with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) about the incident that occurred this year in comparison to the incident in 2021. Staff learned of a new Youth policy at multiple Fairs requiring youth under 18 to attend with chaperones either after certain hours or full days as well as the use of metal detection tools used at other Fairs. Staff would like to discuss these topics at the Board Retreat and will continue doing further research on additional policies for potential implementation at this Fair.

5. BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION:

Staff talked about topics that can be discussed before meeting with Facilitators. The Board suggested discussing the Master Plan but does not feel this would be productive unless some decision has been made regarding the potential stadium. Potential dates for the Board Retreat are October or November preferably on a Monday morning.

6. MASTER PLAN/STADIUM/PROJECTS UPDATE:

Staff has asked the Consultants for a Master Plan update. The County Administrator will be giving a report to the BCC sometime in August primarily focused on the potential stadium project but including the Master Plan update.

Currently on campus, the fire system and door project in the Convention Center is underway. The Wheeler Pavilion project has gone to bid and will close mid-August. Once a contractor has been awarded the contract we will have a better sense of the timing on this project.

7. OTHER:

None.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn

MOTION: Bruce Webber		COMMENTS: Bruce Webber motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 am. Richard Cunningham seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: Richard Cunningham		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Wendee Crofoot	Yes	
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Absent	
Bruce Webber	Yes	
Laurie Trieger	Abstain	

Meeting adjourned.

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René Speer, President

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