

**FAIR BOARD MEETING**  
**February 6, 2025**  
**Meeting Room 2, 7:30 a.m.**

Speer	Moulton	Voorhees	Cunningham	Webber	Crofoot
Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Present
					Called in

*Others Present:*

Corey Buller – Fair Manager/Division Manager, Lane Events Center  
 Kelly Mason – Sales & Events Supervisor, Lane Events Center  
 Becky Kirsch – Office Assistant, Lane Events Center  
 Jeff True – Sales Associate, Lane Events Center  
 Vicki Van Patten – Events Coordinator, Lane Events Center  
 Alyssa Loban – Events Coordinator, Lane Events Center  
 Erik Elfstrom – Operations Supervisor, Lane Events Center  
 Laurie Trieger – Lane County Commissioner  
 Elizabeth Gangwer – Program Coordinator, OSU Extension Office

**1. ITEMS FROM THE COMMUNITY**

None.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Corey gave an update on Legislative funding requests for Fairs and provided an information sheet by the Oregon Fairs Association legislative committee. For the last several years, they have been advocating for Fairgrounds at the state level and talking about a few items such as emergency response. There are a few bills that have been introduced. Some are based upon the annual funding that we get, which is part of our budget, and some are based upon capital and infrastructure needs. Hopefully, some of these bills will gain some traction and work their way through. The committee is asking to have the cap on funding removed for hosting an annual Fair every year. This would significantly increase the yearly funding from the state.
- b) Kelly announced that we are still looking for a food preservation coordinator for the Fair. If anyone is interested, they can reach out to Vicki Van Patten.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 9, 2025 – ACTION ITEM**

<b>MOTION: René Speer</b>		<b>COMMENTS:</b> René Speer motioned to approve the January 9, 2025 minutes as written. Sid Voorhees seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
<b>SECOND: Sid Voorhees</b>		
<b>VOTE</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
Wendee Crofoot	Yes	
Richard Cunningham	Absent	
Debra Moulton	Absent	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Bruce Webber	Yes	
Laurie Trieger	Abstain	

**4. MASTER PLAN – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

Corey talked about the Visioning Workgroup kick-off meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>. There was good attendance and a good start to the project. There were conversations and initial discussions about vision and priorities which will continue at the next meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>. There is a community survey being prepared and the link for the survey will be sent out as soon as it is available. Corey said there will also be a dedicated website available soon which will have links for surveys, updated information, opportunities for engagement, etc.

5. **PROJECTS UPDATE – WHEELER HVAC, CONVENTION CENTER LOBBY, FUTURE PROJECTS**

- a) Corey said the Convention Center lobby project has an RFP open in Bid Locker which is the new public solicitation process. This project is to replace the old brick pavers in the lobby with new flooring, add ADA doors to additional entry points and give the area a cleaner, updated flow with wayfinding, seating, etc.
- b) The Wheeler HVAC project is still moving forward. Corey should have an update by the next meeting.
- c) Future projects that are being planned or considered are a new Wheeler roof, Ice Arena roof, Wheeler Doors/Entries, parking lot/roadway improvements and widening the bridge at yellow gate.

6. **WESTERN FAIRS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE – REPORT BACK**

Kelly spoke about attending the Western Fairs Association in Reno last month along with two other staff. She said the trip was really good and it gave them all an opportunity to connect with current partners such as Romeo Entertainment Group. They were also able to meet up with our ticketing partner, Afton, to talk about the plan for patrons to pay for parking with a credit card. Kelly said it was helpful to be able to talk with them in person and see the equipment. She said there were talent management agencies that we work with for grounds entertainment. Staff were also able to network with peers from other Fairs, listen to some good sessions and attend a Trade Show.

7. **BUDGET – REVIEW/ACTION ITEM**

Corey handed out the budget sheet and gave a line-by-line summary of revenues, expenses, major concerns, and highlights. After reviewing the budget, Corey asked for approval to move it forward through the County process.

<b>MOTION: Sid Voorhees</b>		<b>COMMENTS:</b> Sid Voorhees motions to approve the budget to move forward in the County process. René Speer seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
<b>SECOND: René Speer</b>		
<b>VOTE</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
Wendee Crofoot	Yes	
Richard Cunningham	Absent	
Debra Moulton	Absent	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Bruce Webber	Yes	
Laurie Trieger	Abstain	

8. **OTHER**

- a) Elizabeth Gangwer gave updates about 4-H. Enrollment for eligibility closed last week. All of the youth are in, and they will be able to register for Fair classes in May. The Adulting 101 class just started and has been a lot of fun for the youth. The mandatory market forms are due soon and once those are turned in they will have a better understanding of how many market animals will be at the Fair. The auction committee is moving forward with the idea of a buyer's lunch this year. Cattle weigh-in is March 15. Sheep, goat and swine weigh-in May 16-17. There is no requirement for weight but it does give the youth an understanding of where their animals are for market. The fair book rules section is on the OSU

- Extension website. The robotics group went to the state competition in January and got second place. Elizabeth said they are hoping to set up a statics area for robotics at the Fair this year.
- b) Corey briefly spoke about the bird flu going around. The state veterinarian will eventually decide what is and is not allowed so there could be some changes in that area this year.
  - c) Corey talked about the horse protection act that came out at a federal level. Any entity that has horse shows will be required to abide by this new act. There is a significant amount of responsibility and things that need to be done. Corey said we are still waiting for this act to roll out and to get more information, but this could have an impact on our open horse shows this year.

9. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn.

<b>MOTION: René Speer</b>		<b>COMMENTS:</b> René Speer motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 a.m. Sid Voorhees seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
<b>SECOND: Sid Voorhees</b>		
<b>VOTE</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
Wendee Crofoot	Yes	
Richard Cunningham	Absent	
Debra Moulton	Absent	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Bruce Webber	Yes	
Laurie Trieger	Abstain	

Meeting adjourned.

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Bruce Webber, President

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