

FAIR BOARD MEETING
January 6, 2022
Virtual Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Vacancy	Speer	Moulton	Voorhees	Cunningham
	Present	Present	Present	Present

Others Present:

Corey Buller – Fair Manager, Lane Events Center Manager
 Rachel Bivens – Marketing Manager/Assistant Fair Manager, Lane Events Center
 Dan Hurley – Public Works Director
 Laurie Trieger – Lane County Commissioner

1. ITEMS FROM THE COMMUNITY:

None

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff reported that the new security plan is in development. It will be brought back to the board for review and approval this spring. Staff reported that the contract for the Exclusive non-alcoholic beverage services on the property and during the Fair went out to RFQ. Bigfoot Beverages (Pepsi) and Swire CC (Coca-Cola) were the only two respondents. Ultimately the proposal from Bigfoot Beverages was more beneficial for the facility and the Fair and the contract was awarded to them. Staff also reported that due to the 2020 Fair cancellation being within the contracted period for the ticketing company, the contract will be amended to include the 2022 Fair as the third Fair with Afton Ticketing.

3. NOMINATIONS/VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:

MOTION: Sid Voorhees		COMMENTS: Sid Voorhees nominates René Speer to be President. Debra Moulton seconds. No discussion. All in favor
SECOND: Debra Moulton		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Vacancy		
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Trieger	Abstained	

MOTION: Sid Voorhees		COMMENTS: Sid Voorhees nominates Richard Cunningham to be Vice President. René Speer seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: René Speer		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Vacancy		
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Trieger	Abstained	

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 4, 2021

MOTION: Richard Cunningham		COMMENTS: Richard Cunningham moved to approve the November 4, 2021 minutes as written. René Speer seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: René Speer		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Vacancy		
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Trieger	Absent	

5. **2022 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Discussion surrounding Board meeting every month on the first Thursday of the month as we have in the past. Discussion surrounding the 7:30 am start time and whether it should be moved later. Due to board members who currently work, the schedule will remain at 7:30 am to better accommodate their work days.

MOTION: Debra Moulton		COMMENTS: Debra Moulton motions to meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 am. Richard Cunningham seconds. No further discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: Richard Cunningham		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Vacancy		
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Trieger	Abstained	

6. **EMS DISCUSSION AND UPDATE:**

The proposal from the Emeralds Baseball regarding a multi-use facility including a ballpark being built on the fairgrounds went in front of the Board of County Commissioners on the 14th of December at which time the BCC instructed staff to continue working to identify steps to keep the project moving forward. Discussion surrounding the benefits to the Fair and fairgrounds of adding such a facility. Staff advised the Board that we are working on an FAQ sheet that will be attached to our website(s). Timelines and benchmarks were discussed. Commissioner Trieger encouraged people to watch the December 14th meeting if they have not yet done so. Discussion surrounding the Jefferson Westside Neighbors and the fact that they are largely supportive of the project as they feel it will provide revitalization and positive activity to the neighborhood. There are some concerns about the traffic, lighting and noise this facility may create. Further discussion surrounding concerts, building materials and the impacts to the Fair.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

Staff will continue to update the Board as the research and work progresses.

7. **MASTER PLAN UPDATE:**

Keffer/Overton consultants are on board. They will be here at the facility later this month for kick off meetings, stakeholder meetings and a public open house on the 20th of this month. This meeting is set for the Performance Hall from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. We will have a flyer and link on our web pages as well as send it to the JWN and County PIO for further distribution.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

Staff will continue to update the Fair Board as the process evolves. Staff will inform the Board of their opportunities to participate.

8. **2021 FAIR REPORT AND JOINT MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Fair report is basically done but needing a few more details to finalize. Staff anticipate the need to meet and discuss the Report alongside the Ems proposal and Master Plan however Commissioner Trieger is suggesting a delay in meeting until after the legislative session which may have some funding information regarding the Ems proposal and master plan. Sid Voorhees suggests we tentatively plan this joint meeting for March.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

Staff will reach out to the BCC office for potential March meeting dates.

9. **OTHER:**

- a. Board Vacancy: Board discussed Mr. Hansen who Sid Voorhees mentioned might be a good option at the last meeting. Mr. Voorhees has spoken with Mr. Hansen and asked if he would be interested. No application has been received at this time so Mr. Voorhees will follow up and check back in with Mr. Hansen.
- b. Public Open House on 1/20: questions regarding COVID protocol for this meeting if the surge gets worse. Staff informed the Board that this meeting will be in the Performance Hall for the express purpose of spreading guests out. A virtual option will also be provided so that people who prefer not to attend in person but still want to provide feedback have that opportunity. Staff has received requests for in person opportunities from community members who do not have computers and so are unable to participate that way or complete online surveys as an alternative. Because of this, staff

feel strongly that the in-person option be made available. Online surveys will be available for additional post meeting feedback or for those who cannot attend the meeting on that date and time.

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

MOTION: René Speer		COMMENTS: René Speer motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:04am. Richard Cunningham seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: Richard Cunningham		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Vacancy		
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Trieger	Abstained	

Meeting adjourned.

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Sid Voorhees, President

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