

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

Thwing	Speer	Moulton	Voorhees	Cunningham
Absent	Present	Present	Present	Absent

Others Present:

Corey Buller – Fair Manager, Lane Events Center Manager

Rachel Bivens – Marketing Manager/Assistant Fair Manager, Lane Events Center

Elizabeth Gangwer – 4-H Education Program Assistant

**1. ITEMS FROM THE COMMUNITY:**

None

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Several staff members will be attending IAFE in San Antonio the week after Thanksgiving. Corey Buller and Rachel Bivens will be attending Association of Oregon Counties prior to that in conjunction with the Oregon Fair Association. Staff announced that there have been several new hires at Lane Events Center in the last couple of months.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 7, 2021**

<b>MOTION: René Speer</b>		<b>COMMENTS:</b> René Speer moved to approve the September 2, 2021 minutes as written. Debra Moulton seconds. All in favor.
<b>SECOND: Debra Moulton</b>		
<b>VOTE</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
Randy Thwing	Absent	
Richard Cunningham	Absent	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Triege	Absent	

**4. BOARD VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENT:**

At this time, we only have one candidate and that is René Speer who is interested in renewing her term. As of December 31, 2021, Randy Thwing's terms have expired and he is not eligible for reappointment.

**MOTION TO RECOMMEND REAPPOINTMENT:**

<b>MOTION: Debra Moulton</b>		<b>COMMENTS:</b> Debra Moulton motions to recommend reappointing René Speer for a second term. Sid Voorhees seconds. All in favor.
<b>SECOND: Sid Voorhees</b>		
<b>VOTE</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
Randy Thwing	Absent	
Richard Cunningham	Absent	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Triege	Absent	

**5. MASTER PLAN UPDATE:**

Keffer Overton (K/O) Fairgrounds planners have been selected and contracted as the Facility master plan consultant group. They are based out of Des Moines Iowa. Partners in this plan will be Johnson Consulting, TVS and Cole Architecture. They are currently working on the initial deliverable of the feasibility and viability of a ballpark here at the Lane Events Center as a result of a proposal put forward by the Eugene Emeralds. This will be delivered to the Board of County Commissioners on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

Staff have initial meetings set up with the consultants to continue to advance this deliverable as well as the overall master plan. Moving through this process there will be a steering committee. Staff request 1 Fair Board member, 1 County Commissioner to be included among others. René Speer nominated Sid Voorhees. Sid accepted as long as René Speer will be back up.

Staff reported back on the neighborhood meeting with the Eugene Emeralds. It went very well and the neighborhood is super supportive as they feel a project like this would breathe new life into the neighborhood. There are some concerns regarding traffic, lighting etc.

**ACTION/DIRECTION:**

Staff will continue to carry this forward on the agenda and bring back updated information to each meeting.

**6. 2021 FAIR REPORT & UPDATE:**

Official Fair report will be after the New year but staff provided a quick snapshot. This was an amazing Fair. Admissions were at 157.98% of budget, concert ticket sales at 192.63% of budget, carnival at 144.48% of budget and food revenues at 186.49% of budget. Overall, there are still a few items to come in at this time but the end result is 137% of budget. Our approximate net for the 2021 Fair will likely exceed \$700,000.00.

**ACTION/DIRECTION:**

Staff will continue to prepare the report and include scheduling the joint meeting on the January agenda.

**7. OTHER:**

- a. Security invoice: Fair Board members asked what was happening with the security invoice for District Security. Staff reported that as District Security is in breach of contract, an invoice was never received and the contractor has disappeared at this time after many attempts to contact that no invoice will be paid.
- b. Parking: Staff discussed continued issues with balancing the parking fees at the Fair this year along with some ideas for potential remedies in 2022.
- c. 4-H update: Elizabeth reported that there are lots of new families interested in the programs because of the space 4-H filled in the Expo Halls during the Fair this year. Enrollment discounts have ended at this time but at the corresponding time in 2020, there were only 40 interested families. This year there are 140! Most of these are Cloverbuds. 4-H is excited for the Sunday activities.
- d. December meeting: Fair Board determined that as this is typically held for the joint meeting but that is being replaced by the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the master plan, that no meeting will be scheduled. If it is determined that a need to meet arises, a meeting will be scheduled.

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

<b>MOTION: Debra Moulton</b>		<b>COMMENTS:</b> René Speer motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:02am. Debra Moulton seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
<b>SECOND: René Speer</b>		
<b>VOTE</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
Randy Thwing	Absent	
Richard Cunningham	Absent	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Trieger	Absent	

Meeting adjourned.

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Sid Voorhees, President

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