

FAIR BOARD MEETING
August 5, 2021
Meeting Room #1, 7:30 a.m.

Thwing	Speer	Moulton	Voorhees	Cunningham
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
				Via phone

Others Present:

Corey Buller – Fair Manager, Lane Events Center Manager
 Rachel Bivens – Marketing Manager/Assistant Fair Manager, Lane Events Center
 Emily Zajac – Marketing & Sales Specialist, Lane Events Center
 Elizabeth Gangwer – 4-H Education Program Assistant
 Dan Hurley – Lane County Public Works Department Director

1. **ITEMS FROM THE COMMUNITY:**

None.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 1, 2021

MOTION: Randy Thwing		COMMENTS: Randy Thwing moved to approve the July 1, 2021 minutes as written René Speer seconds. All in favor.
SECOND: René Speer		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Randy Thwing	Yes	
Richard Cunningham	Yes	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Commissioner Trieger	Absent	

4. **POST FAIR UPDATE:**

Discussion of the incident that occurred on Saturday, July 24th at the Fair will be moved forward until all Board members and Commissioner Trieger can be present at the meeting. Discussion surrounding how fabulous the event was as a whole and the huge attendance each day. Numbers have not been finalized as of yet but numbers appear to be up in almost all categories.

The events that occurred on Saturday are still under investigation by the Eugene Police Department so no specific details or discussions can occur at this time. Additionally, Paul Vitus, a retired Lane County Sheriff's Deputy was hired this year to oversee and evaluate the overall security plan for the Fair. He was on-site all week including when the incident occurred. A detailed report on his findings will be forthcoming. Staff will also be doing internal and partner debriefs.

Sid Voorhees expressed how impressed he was with staff response to the incident with a huge thank you to the staff for positive reaction and pulling together. He also expressed that he has been on the board for 18 years and that this truly was a good Fair, the best one yet.

4-H reported that feedback from their members was hugely positive and that they felt this was the best Fair ever. Discussion surrounding some minor changes particularly surrounding traffic pattern. Huge Thank you to staff particularly Emily Zajac and Charlie Conrad for all their assistance leading up to and during the Fair. Discussion surrounding how much activity was in the barns this year and that while some were resistant to the move at first, they were thrilled with how it all worked out.

Rich Cunningham expressed that the advertising and marketing prior to and throughout the Fair worked superbly and was great.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

Staff will return with finalized numbers and the draft Fair report in the coming months. Staff will also bring back potential plans and updates for consideration by the Board in the coming months.

5. MASTER PLAN PROCESS:

The Master Plan RFP is still moving forward. It is currently under review downtown with legal and procurement. Also, in the works is a polling RFQ intended to go out shortly that will focus on a public survey surrounding ideas and potential projects on the grounds to get us moving as we seek the RFP respondents.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

Fair Board members interested in reviewing the polling RFQ and the Master Plan RFP submittals should communicate that to staff as soon as possible.

6. FAIR BOARD MEMBER TERMS:

Terms expire on December 31, 2021 for René Speer and Randy Thwing. René Speer is eligible for a second term at this time and expressed her interest in returning. Randy Thwing is not eligible until he has been off the board for at least one year.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

Staff will add an action item to the next Board meeting regarding making a recommendation to the board to approve René Speer for another term. Staff will also post the application in various locations to begin advertising the opening.

7. OTHER:

None:

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned.

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Sid Voorhees, President

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