

Josephine County Fair Board Emergency Meeting

**September 26, 2024**

Josephine County Fairgrounds Floral Building

1451 Fairgrounds Rd., Grants Pass, Or. 97527

**Present:** Board Chair Arthur O’Hare, Vice Chair Jon Aslakson, Lonnie Johnson, Julie Lockman, Jennifer McGowan, Karl Haeckler and Tamra Martin Fairgrounds Director

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**1. Call to order**

Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Arthur O’Hare called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. Agenda**

*Lonnie made a motion to approve the Agenda for Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Jon made a motion to add public comment to the agenda. Karl 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**3. Public In attendance-** Ross Kublic, Anne Byers, Sierra Falk

**4. Business**

- a. **Consider moving Fair Dates to “First weekend of August”-** The carnival company that we have been currently contracted with has not brought enough rides for the last few years. Tamra has spoken with him and would like to terminate his contract. In looking for a new carnival, Tamra has suggested that we move the Fair a week earlier into the “first weekend” of August which would move our Fair off the same week as Douglas County. Tamra has spoken to all the carnivals available and has found a carnival vendor Midway of Fun out of California. His website is, [www.midwayoffun.com](http://www.midwayoffun.com). He would bring 22 units in comparison to the 12 units in 2024 with our current carnival vendor. The new vendor would be offering a 1 plus 4-year contract.

Our current contract doesn’t end until 2026, however, the current vendor is contracted to bring 19 rides. The last two years, we were only supplied with 12 -13 rides and after legal’s review, they agree that we have the right to end the current contract for default. The new dates would run at the same time as Klamath, Del Norte and Deschutes Fairs. Jen has discussed how this would impact animal showing and doesn’t believe it will be an issue. There might be some other changes we can make for the livestock auction, but we will look closer at this piece at the Fair Workshop in October. We discussed options for the weeks to hold fair... there were a couple of options, but July 30<sup>th</sup>- August 3<sup>rd</sup> seems to be the best date.

*Jon made a motion to move fair date up one week (contingent on a signed contract with new carnival vendor) to July 30-Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2025, Lonnie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

- b. Additional Discussion:** The new carnival vendor will need much more space for his crew RV's etc., so we will have to use part of the RV parking area to host new vendor instead of livestock auction families. We do have other spaces for dry camping that we can offer or possibly other options. We will look more into this and discuss at the Fair Workshop in October.

**5. Next Fair Board Meeting: October 15, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Fair Workshop before @ 5:00 p.m.**

*Motion was made to adjourn at 6:37 pm by Lonnie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie Motion passed unanimously.*