

Josephine County Fair Board Meeting

**October 15, 2024**

Josephine County Fairgrounds Floral Building

1451 Fairgrounds Rd., Grants Pass, Or. 97527

**Present:** Vice Chair Jon Aslakson, Dean Saxon, Lonnie Johnson, Julie Lockman, Karl Haeckler, Jen McGowan and Tamra Martin Fairgrounds manager

These are meeting minutes only. Only text enclosed in quotation marks (“) reports speaker’s exact words.

**1. Call to order**

Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Jon Aslakson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**2. Agenda**

*Lonnie Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and Dean Saxon 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

3. *Julie Lockman made a motion to approve the minutes from Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and Karl Haeckler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Lonnie Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the emergency meeting on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and Dean Saxon 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

4. **General Public Input:** Guest in attendance. Anne Byers, Sierra Falk, Commissioner Andres Blech

**Reports**

- a. **Auction Committee -Tamra Martin-** on track with the 2025 Auction planning and there will be a meeting held directly after the Fair Board meeting. We are anticipating that there will be a discussion of moving the auction to Friday night instead of Saturday morning. Registration for the auction has opened and is live online.
- b. **Facilities Committee- Dean Saxon-** met last Thursday. In general, what is needed is a form to assess each building and documentation to keep records current and anticipate upcoming repairs instead of reacting. Tamra and staff will work to create. Dean brought in a new volunteer to the Facilities team.
- c. **Friends of the Fairgrounds Report- Jon Aslakson-** had meeting last week. The group wants to be involved and help wherever they can. They recently approved repair to the roll up door in the Floral Building
- d. **Director’s Report**
  - 1. **Grounds Report-** horseracing is moving out after a successful 2024 Fall season. This will be the first year of not offering year-round

horse boarding and we are preparing to close the barns for the season.

**2. Upcoming Events:**

**A. Trunk or Treat, Saturday Oct 26- 9am- 1pm-** besides approximately 30 vehicles, there will be a petting zoo and activities for kids. Board is recommended to be there.

**B. Last Minute Gift Sale, Dec 21- 9am- 2pm-** Pavilion and Floral building will have vendors. Santa will be here.

**3. Bathrooms/Water-** the water to the bathrooms on the parking lot side is an issue. After not being able to determine the issue, it's been determined that a new line will be needed.

**5. Business**

**a. 2025 Fair Workshop Follow up-**

*Jen made a motion to use the theme "Buckle Up!" Lonnie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Lonnie made a motion to use the same hours for Fair as last year, Wednesday – Saturday 11am – 11pm, Sunday 12pm – 7pm. Jen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Headliners-** Regarding overall budget for musical headliners, it was determined without objection to go with one main artist and commit \$50,000 to it. 50% match from sponsors up to \$50,000. Tamra will work with sponsor to determine artist.

**Motor Sports-** Karl will follow up on some connections that he has locally to determine if there's a way to build a show locally, will provide update next month.

*Jenn makes a motion to move forward with the Rodeo for fair. Dean seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

Jen suggested on Saturday doing some community events that Youth and Ag kids can get involved with (sack races, pie eating contest).

**6. Other Business**

**a. Additional Discussion**

**7. Next Fair Board Meeting: November 19, 2024 @6:00 p.m.**

*Motion was made to adjourn at 6:44 pm by Dean Saxon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie Lockman. The motion passed unanimously.*