

Josephine County Fair Board Meeting

April 16, 2024

Josephine County Fairgrounds Floral Building

1451 Fairgrounds Rd., Grants Pass, Or. 97527

Present: Board Chair Arthur O’Hare, Vice Chair Jon Aslakson, Dean Saxon, Lonnie Johnson, Julie Lockman, Karl Haeckler and Tamra Martin Fairgrounds manager

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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 Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda for April 16th, 2024, and Dean Saxon 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Minutes

Lonnie Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 19th, 2024, and Julie Lockman 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. General Public Input: Guest in attendance. Sierra Falk, Jag McClintock, Anne Byers

5. Old Business:

- A. **Master Plan Discussion-** Mark Koberstein is meeting with 4 Way foundation for a grant for the technical drawings. Once drawings are done, they will be posted around the grounds for the community to see. Also, there will be ability for the community to donate.

6. Reports

- a. Auction Committee- Jennifer not present. Tamra said meeting was held April 9th with a check in for pre-fair. Waiting for legal council to weigh in on the change for a “no kill” auction.
- b. Facilities- Dean Saxon- waiting on figures for the paint for inside the pavilion.
- c. Friends of the Fairgrounds Report- Jon Aslakson- meeting was cancelled for the month.
- d. Director’s Report:
- a. **Grounds and Financial Update-** Rodeo went well last weekend. Sold out both nights. Signs were put up in the arena to let folks know that new paint is coming and arena is undergoing construction. Financial updates...still working on budgets for 2025. Commissioners are concerned about the inflation and the utilities. Tamra is making cuts where she can. Expenses need to be cut further so she will be working on that.

- b. **Fair 2024 Update-** office staff is ahead of all plans. Food Vendor spots are full and there is a waiting list. One of the largest expenses is temp help. Looking for more volunteers to help cut these costs.
- c. The gazebo concrete has failed and need repaired. Parts of the concrete is bubbling up. The fix was another layer of concrete poured over. This did create a step-off of about 4 inches. They are going to come back and raise the asphalt so there won't be a step.

7. New Business-

- A. **Horse Boarding-** Tamra is looking to cut service with costs associated, including horse boarding including 166 stalls and 15 temporary stalls set up. A couple of other considerations are safety and liability, trash maintenance, wear and tear on stalls, staff daily support. Tamra suggested that maybe we move from long term boarding to temporary haul ins related to events and travel. Topic tabled and will be discussed at next Fair Board Meeting.

8. Other Business-

- A. **Additional Discussion-** Lonnie is working on fair parking for the cruise. Still looking for Fair Sponsors.

9. Next Fair Board Meeting: May 21st, 2024

Motion was made to adjourn at 6:57 by Lonnie Johnson and 2nd by Jon Aslakson. Motion passed unanimously.