



Board of Directors  
92937 Walluski Loop  
Astoria, OR 97103

## Board Meeting Minutes

November 5th, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Autio, Chair  
Kallie Linder, Vice Chair  
Jack Ficken  
Brittany Israel  
Jack Edwards

### **In attendance:**

John Lewis, Fair & Expo General Manager  
Colleen Larson, Fair & Expo Administrative Coordinator  
Lower Columbia Preservation Society Members

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair, Mike Autio

### **Public Comment**

Tim Clark, Swine Superintendent, addressed the Board regarding the need for additional panels for the Swine and Sheep enclosed Areas. Asking for Donation of Funds to purchase the Panels. In the past the Fair Board approved an 80% buy in of the original 74 panels that were purchased, 4H provided the other 20%. Tim provided 2 quotes for the panels needed. The Board advised they would discuss and consider their donation.

### **Consideration of Agenda & August Meeting Minutes**

Kallie Linder made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Brittany Israel, second. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

*Report from John Lewis, Fair General Manager.*

### *Outdoor Show/After Harvest Party*

Reviewing the attendance of the Outdoor Show, John advised there were about 1000 people for both days combined. Stated it was a good turn out for the first show. Vendors were happy, as well as attendees. Most vendors did well and talked about returning in the future.

The After Harvest Party was also a success, noted attendance was down a bit from the previous year, but accounted it to the fact that there were two other similar events happening the same day.

## **New Business**

*Report from John Lewis, Fair General Manager.*

### *Lower Columbia Preservation Society*

Rachel Jensen spoke first on behalf of the LCPS. She advised the Board that she and her colleagues were in attendance to discuss options that they felt were better than the Learn and Burn of the Farm house. They presented a rough outline of an action plan to study, teach from and eventually the possibility of moving and restoring the Farm House.

Lucien Swerdloff, the Historic Preservation Professor at the Clatsop Community College, spoke about other similar projects they had conducted, where he presented a packet of a Log Cabin they had saved. Jack Edwards addressed the portion of the Action Plan that stated the possibility of the project costing the Fair Board up to \$10,000. Mike Autio noted that the Fair Board had been attempting to take care of the Farm House for the last 10 years, and that the proposal may be a good idea. LCPS stated they would work on an MOU for the next few days and present the Board with the document to see if it is a possibility.

John Lewis raised his only concern, that if the Farm House ended not being salvageable and the Fire Department would no longer do the Learn and Burn, it could cost the Fair Board the \$10,000 proposed by LCPS, plus an additional \$30,000 to properly dispose of the building.

### *Foot Bridge*

John presented the Foot Bridge inspection report from 8/21/2019 and the findings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party company that was hired by the County Road Dept. Noted the most important repairs that were marked as "urgent" were the rotting embankment wooden boards, as well as the need for a hand railing at the entrance to the bridge. Also, the 10" spacing between bridge railing should be reduced to 6". John plans on resolving the issues as soon as possible.

### *Additional Funding*

John informed the Board there is a Grant in the County budget for Tourism and bringing people to our county. John filled out the contract for funds to help with advertising for our fair and Concert in July/August 2020. The County Commissioners review the contracts and will approve/disapprove funds for the next fiscal year, starting July 1, 2020.

### *Generator*

John advised on a last minute add on the meeting points. He received information about the Old Juvenile Facility's Generator and few weeks ago and contacted the county/Sheriffs Dept about possibly acquiring it. The Fairgrounds is the most likely candidate for and Emergency/Disaster gathering point for County Operations. The 300kw Generator would be more than enough to power the Facility. It was confirmed that the Fairgrounds would be receiving the Generator. The only needs for the Generator would be a slab and an outbuilding to house it, to keep it in the great condition that it was kept in the entirety of its life.

## **Financial Statement**

Board Reviewed the 19-20 to date Financial Statement. No comments or discussion made.

## **Open Discussion for Fair Board**

The Board spoke lightly on the Concert for 2020 and the current devolvement.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

**Next Meeting Date**

**Dec 3rd, 2019 - 5:30 pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall.**