



Board of Directors  
92937 Walluski Loop  
Astoria, OR 97103

## Board Meeting Minutes

February 4th, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Jack Ficken

### **In attendance:**

John Lewis, Fair & Expo General Manager

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Public Comment**

No Public Comment

### **Consideration of Agenda & January 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.*

### *Concert*

John Lewis, Manager, asked if The Board would like to get a concert committee together. The Board agreed there should be a committee. Mike Autio, Jack Edwards and Jack Ficken have shown interest on being on the Committee.

### *Board Reappointments/ Tax Levy*

John Lewis reported that all the board members that were up for Reinstatement were re-appointed by the County Commissioners. Also, the Tax Levy has been approved to go on the upcoming Ballot.

### **New Business**

*Report from John Lewis, Fair General Manager.*

### *Capital Projects for '20-'21*

John informed The Board the County's Budget Module has been opened and budgeting for '20-'21 has begun.

John, has been researching purchasing a Man-Lift for the upcoming year. Currently, Wadsworth has been hired to come down power cords when needed in the Indoor Arena. Each time they come out and drop and put the cords back up, it costs about \$700 for their employee and their bucket truck. Also, power washing gets put off, lights that cannot be reached are replaced by outside sources, etc. A 80 ft lift is being looked at, John explains it would be enough to reach necessary heights in the present and in the future with the possibility of the new building. A new 80ft lift runs about \$149,000, a used rental that has been fully refurbished from Petersen CAT runs at \$46,000. John would like to budget \$50,000, but would like to spend less if possible.

### *Chairs*

John reports that the cloth padded seats are beginning to show signs of wear including some staining. John looked into professional cleaning, which would be more per chair than the actual cost of the chairs. John has looked into vinyl chair that would be easier to clean as an alternative. Board members discussed possibly keeping the cloth chairs and getting a full set of padded vinyl chairs for the exhibit hall exclusively, as there are currently not enough padded chairs for an event that exceeds 300 attendees.

### *Farm House*

John met with a potential person interested in taking the House and restoring it and his contractor. They went over different scenarios to move the house to another location in Lewis and Clark Area. They are further investigating costs and if it can be done within the interested person's budget, they will move forward with removal, relocation and restoration.

### **Financial Statement**

John informed the Board the Timber Tax income for year '20-'21 is projected to be about \$15,000 less than the previous year. Also, the tourism grant money of \$10,000 has been applied to the budget for the Fair Board. John went over the current standings the projecting starting Amount for '20-'21. Also, noted that if levy is passes, it will not come into effect until July of 2021.

### **Open Discussion for Fair Board**

Brittany Israel opened a short discussion about the Horse barn speakers and the possibility of either getting them repaired or finding an alternative method of communication for the Horse Leaders so they will know when the events or shows are happening during fair. Currently, the speakers in the Barn need some attention as they either do not work or the announcements are "scratchy sounding". John advised that a ticket has been put in with the County I.T. department and he is waiting for someone to become available to assess the situation and see if repairs can be made.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

### **Next Meeting Date**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** - 5:30 pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall.