



## Minutes of the Oregon State Fair Council Regular Meeting

June 16, 2016

Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center – Cascade Hall-McKenzie Room

Audio Recorded: Yes

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I. **Call to Order:** The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. with Chair Craig Smith presiding.

II. **Roll Call:** The attendance, both in person and by phone, was recorded as shown below:

**Present:**

Craig Smith, Chair  
Jon Chandler, Vice Chair  
Vicki Berger, Council Member  
Loyal Burns, Council Member  
Gene Derfler, Council Member  
George Jennings, Council Member  
Leah Perkins-Hagele, Council Member  
Austin McGuigan, Council Member  
Kerry Tymchuk, Council Member  
Sen. Arnie Roblan, Advisory Council Member  
Mike Nearman, Advisory Council Member  
Mike Paluszak, Director & CEO

**Non-Present:**

Kevin Cameron, Council Member  
Anna Peterson, Council Member  
Steve Powers, Advisory Council Member

III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was made by all parties present.

IV. **Presentations:** Dylan Wells with Marion County Fair Board and Tamra Goettsch, Director of Community Services for Marion County presented the Oregon State Fair Council with the Impact Award for their partnership with Marion County and Marion County Fair Board. Marion County and Marion County Fair Board were successful in creating a trade agreement with Oregon State Fair Council to trade the Marion County Fair's rental fees for four years, in exchange for paving a large portion of the fairgrounds.

V. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Smith asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes presented for approval. Hearing none, it was moved by Council Member McGuigan and seconded by Council Member Derfler that the Full Council Meeting Minutes of 4/21/16 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

VII. **Council Chair's Report:** Chair Smith stated that the revisions to the Director/CEO's compensation agreement have been finalized, as directed by the Council at its last meeting.

VIII. **CEO's Report:** Mr. Paluszak introduced the new Director of Administration and Finance, Angelique Goldschmidt. She will oversee all administrative functions of the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center.

IX. **Information Items:**

**a. State Fair Update:**

Mr. Hillman discussed the five big things that will be different at this year's State Fair:

- i. New Carnival, new rides, new layout from the south parking lot to the front lawn of the Pavilion with 110' Grand Wheel sitting on the west lawn of the Pavilion.
  - ii. Motorsports sponsored by GK Machines, free with Fair admission.
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- iii. Daily closing pyro-laser show instead of fireworks.
- iv. The Taphouse will be built out to include a major food venue and major entertainment venue.
- v. Another “To Be Announced” promotion on the last Friday of the Fair.

Mr. Hillman reviewed the concert entertainment and media.

Mr. Paluszak added that a research firm has been engaged to conduct an exit survey during this year’s Fair.

## X. Action Items

### a. State Fair Council

- I. **Financial Statement 1/1/16 – 5/31/16:** It was moved by Council Member McGuigan and seconded by Council Member Jennings to accept the financial statement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- II. **Discussion and action regarding employee benefits policy:** Following up on last meeting’s discussion and action to update the Council’s Employee Benefit Summary, the action requested is to adopt the full policy language regarding sick leave benefits which incorporates recent changes to the law.

It was moved by Council Member Chandler and seconded by Council Member Derfler to approve the policy regarding employee sick leave benefits as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### b. State Fair

- I. **Discussion and action regarding updates to Oregon State Fair Rules and Policies:** The action requested is approval of updates to the Oregon State Fair Rules and Policies. These updates also include a policy for drones.

It was moved by Council Member McGuigan and seconded by Council Member Chandler to approve the updates to the Oregon State Fair Rules and Policies as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- ii. **Discussion and action regarding Oregon State Police contract for law enforcement services during the 2016 Oregon State Fair:** The action requested is approval of amendment of the contract with Oregon State Police to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$92,000 to \$145,000, at the discretion of Director/CEO.

It was moved by Council Member Chandler and seconded by Council Member Jennings to amend the contract with Oregon State Police to increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$145,000, at the discretion of Director/CEO. The motion carried unanimously.

### c. Committee Reports and Action Thereon

- ii. **Executive Committee:** None.

- ii. **Governmental Affairs Committee:** Council Member Chandler reported that he, Council Member Berger, and Mr. Paluszak met with George Naughton, Interim Director of DAS, to talk about possible amendments to our enabling statutes, resulting from SB7 during the 2013 Legislative Session. Two main issues need to be addressed. One being definition of “property.” The other is money that came to the State Fair Council via Q-Bonds or other state financial resources for improvements to the physical plant being a “loan” to be paid back. They agree with our position on both, and are working on ways to resolve. Sen. Roblan has agreed to put forward legislation necessary to address these topics. The legislation will be drafted by and on behalf of the State Fair Council, not DAS. Sen. Roblan added that when the necessary information is available to let him know and he will set a meeting with Legislative Counsel.

XI. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda items:** None

XII. **Council Members’ Comments:** Council Member Tymchuk announced that since last year’s celebrity bake-off was such a success, Oregon Historical Society will be having their Second Annual Oregon Historical Society-Portland Celebrity Chocolate Cake Bake-Off on August 23, 2016.

XIII. **Executive Session:** Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to negotiate real property transactions. Upon reconvening into public session, Chair Smith reported that the Council received information relating to a real property matter, and no action was taken.

XIII. **Adjourn:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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**Meeting Materials:**

Agenda

Financial Statement 1/1/16 – 5/31/16

Employee Benefit Summary

Oregon State Fair Rules and Policies

Oregon State Police Contract 2016