

Oregon State Fair Council Meeting

Meeting Location: **Title of meeting:** Regular Full Council Meeting
Date: October 8, 2014
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Oregon State Fairgrounds, Floral Building
Chair: Senator Gene Derfler
Scribe:

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11-20-14

Audio recorded: Yes No

Attendance:

Anna Peterson	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Absent	Kerry Tymchuk	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Austin McGuigan	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent	Leah Perkins-Hagele	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Craig Smith	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent	Loyal Burns	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Gene Derfler	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent	Linda Norris, Advisory	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Absent
George Jennings	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Absent	Rep. Vicki Berger, Advisory	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Kevin Cameron	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent	Sen. Arnie Roblan, Advisory	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Jon Chandler	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent			

1. Meeting convened at 5:03 pm

2. Agenda Items:

Item #1, Report from Council subcommittee on CEO hiring (Chair Derfler)

Interviews provided three final candidates. The recommendation of the committee is to offer the CEO position to Mike Paluszak. Mike has been a Fair Director for over thirty years, and a former President of the Western Fair Association. The agreement is for him to start effective December 1, 2014. He would be able to attend the Council meeting on November 20, 2014, in order to help establish goals and final decisions about staffing. The contract would be a guarantee of two-years, and then would become an at-will, open-ended contract.

Item #2, Discussion and possible action on CEO selection (Vice-Chair Smith)

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Chandler to approve Mike Paluszak as the new CEO, and authorize Chair Derfler to enter into the contract.

Second: By Councilmember Perkins-Hagele. No additional discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3, Public Comment (Chair Derfler)

- Patty Tipton – Chairperson, Lansing Neighborhood Association. She wanted to introduce herself, and let the Council know that they meet monthly at Waldo Middle School. Concerns from within the group were about the lowered quality of the State Fair. Many members have been attending all of their lives, and did not feel that in 2014 that high quality had been met. Several areas, including the folk art gardens, the garden area, animals, and several others were lacking. It seems that the overall quality lacked this year, compared to past years. The noise levels were not a concern.

3. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Agenda

Next meeting: Thursday, November 20, 2014
 Cascade Hall, Oregon State Fairgrounds, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.