



Minutes of the Oregon State Fair Council Regular Meeting

July 23, 2026

Oregon State Fair/Virtual/Zoom Meeting

Audio Recorded – Yes

- **Call to Order:** The meeting convened at 1:33 pm with Chair Loyal Burns
- **Roll Call:** The attendance via Zoom, was recorded as shown below:

Present:

Loyal Burns, Chair
Soraida Cross, Council Member
Tami Kerr, Council Member
Lucy Escobar, Council Member
Arnie Roblan, Council Member
Travis Smith, Council Member

Non-Present:

Joel Conder, Vice Chair
Shane Matthews, Council Member
Geoff Hinds, Council Member
Kim Grewe-Powell, Director/CEO
Representative Paul Evans Advisor Council Member

Other-Present:

Jean Wheat-Palm, CFO and Director of Human Resources
Elizabeth Angulo-Manzo, Financial Manager
Deborah Hall, Accounts Payable and Front Office Lead

- **Pledge of Allegiance:**
The Pledge Allegiance was made by all parties present.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
Chair Burns asked the Council if they reviewed the minutes from the March 19, 2026 & May 21, 2026 Council Meetings that were included in their packet. Chair Burns asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Cross motioned to approve the minutes from March 19, 2026 & May 21, 2026 as presented, with a second by Council Member Roblan.

Yes Vote: Burns, Matthews, Escobar, Kerr, Smith and Roblan **No Vote:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

- **Reports:**

Council Chair's Report:

Chair Loyal Burns stated that he is excited about the upcoming Oregon State Fair.

CEO Report: CFO/Director of Human Resource Jean Wheat-Palm gave the CEO's report on behalf of the Director/CEO Kim Grewe-Powell. Jean introduced Elizabeth Angulo-Manzo, Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center new Financial Manager. Elizabeth shared that she has worked in finance for more than 12 years and is very excited to be part of the Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center team.

The Crosswalk on 17th Street is finally completed, which happen before the opening of the Oregon State Fair on August 28th.

Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center is in the process of replacing most, if not all, of the drinking fountains throughout the grounds. They will include water bottle refilling stations. This is in thanks to money received in the Governor's Budget: in HB5006.

Marion County Fair just wrapped up. It appeared to be successful.

Family Building Blocks Capital Live John Pardi concert is next Friday night. Our grounds will be almost at capacity with this concert in LB Day, a Hispanic concert in the Pavilion, a car show and a few private events. We strive for every weekend to be like this.

Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center Operation Department have been working hard to get the grounds in shape.

Oregon State Fair is only 36 days away. Concert tickets and Admission sales have been steady. Oregon State Fair launched the America 250 Live programming in the Pavilion. America 250 Live is an action-packed tribute the American spirit. Sponsorship income is about what it was last year.

Financials:

CFO/Director of Human Resource Jean Wheat-Palm gave the financial report on behalf of the Director/CEO Kim Grewe-Powell. Financial Reports reflected total Assets are in balance with Liability & Equity at \$14,560,058.93. Assets are up 14.9% compared to last year. Profit and Loss from January 1 through June 30,2026 the total income to date \$2,342,405.80. We are seeing a slight increase for the first 6 months at 2.5%. This is due to early income from exhibitors.

Total Expenses to date \$ 2,597,829.04. For the first months we are experiencing a 10.2% increase from last year due to equipment purchases, insurance and marketing expenses.

Net Ordinary income to date is \$-255,423.24. The higher expenses are the equipment purchases. Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center purchased equipment to reduce the cost of renting equipment, especially during August. The equipment purchases are in the budget, and we have spent \$170,000.00 the first 6 months.

Other Income and Expenses are as follows total income to date are \$276,765.80 and the total expenses to date are \$246,779.77. The Net Income to date is \$-225,437.21.

- Chair Burns asked if the Council reviewed the Financial Statements that were included in their packet. Chair Burns asked for a motion to approve the Financial Statements for 1/1/2026-6/30/2026. Council Member Cross motioned to approve the Financial Statements as presented, with a second by Council Member Roblan.

Yes Vote: Burns, Matthews, Escobar, Kerr, Smith and Roblan **No Vote:** None
The motion carried unanimously.

Fair Foundation Report:

None

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None

- **Committee Reports:**
Executive Committee: Did not meet.
CEO Review Committee: Did not meet.
- **Old Business:**
None

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Next meeting scheduled **November 19, 2026**