



Minutes of the Oregon State Fair Council Regular Meeting
December 10, 2020
By Zoom Due to COVID-19 and Social Distancing requirements
Audio Recorded: Yes

I. Call to Order: The meeting convened at 1:40 p.m. with Chair Kevin Cameron presiding.

II. Roll Call: The attendance, by Zoom and by phone, was recorded as shown below:

Present:

Kevin Cameron, Chair
Vicki Berger, Vice Chair
Jon Chandler, Council Member
Gene Derfler, Council Member
George Jennings, Council Member
Craig Smith, Council Member
Sen. Arnie Roblan, Advisory Council Member
Kim Grewe-Powell, Interim Director/CEO

Non-Present:

Loyal Burns, Council Member
Dana Jung, Council Member
Austin McGuigan, Council Member
Leah Perkins-Hagele, Council Member
Rep. Mike Nearman, Advisory Council Member
Steve Powers, Advisory Council Member

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

IV. Presentations: None

V. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Council Meeting of October 22, 2020: Chair Cameron asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes presented for approval. Hearing none, a motion was made by Vice Chair Berger and seconded by Council Member Jennings to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

VII. Council Chair's Report:

Chair Cameron commented that he had spoken with Dana Jung and she does want to participate on the Council.

VIII. CEO's Report: None

IX. Information Items:

a. Expo Center:

Environmental Quality Management is winding down and should be done at our facility by Christmas. Columbia Hall is currently being used for Covid-19 testing Mondays and Wednesdays by Marion County. They have also discussed using our site as a vaccination center when vaccines become widely available. We have been allowing the Police, Fire and Faulk Ambulance to use our facility for training. We have no other business at this time, but many holds on our building for when the restrictions are lifted. People are eager to have events again.

b. 2019 State Fair Report:

The Marketing team is meeting weekly to discuss options and different scenarios for the 2021 Oregon State Fair.

X. Action Items

a. State Fair Council

i. Financial Statement 1/1/20-10/31/20 Financial Statement:

Nothing substantial has changed since last month's Council Meeting. The staff has been further scaled back and Interim CEO Kim Grewe Powell scaled herself back to 30 hours a week currently to help alleviate budget. She also plans to have several budgets based on different scenarios for the Council's approval at the February Council Meeting.

Chair Cameron asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Financial Statement presented for approval. Hearing none, a motion was made by Vice Chair Berger and seconded by Council Member Jennings to approve the financial statement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. Annual Financial Report for Year Ending 12/31/2019:

Brad Bingenheimer of Bolt Carlisle & Smith, CPAs reported that this is a review which is less in scope than an audit. They analyze the numbers and ask question of management. This provides a limited assurance that the financial statements are materially correct.

Chair Cameron asked if there were any questions regarding the 2019 Financial Review presented. Hearing none, a motion was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Berger to accept the Financial Review as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

iii. Elections of Council Officers for 2021:

Nominating Committee Chair Jennings reported that the committee met virtually to discuss recommendations for Council officers for 2021, which are Kevin Cameron as Chair and Vicki Berger as Vice Chair. A motion was then made by Council Member Jennings and seconded by Council Member Smith to nominate Kevin Cameron for Chair and Vicki Berger for Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Berger and seconded by Council Member Chandler to recommend to the Governor the appointment of Chuck Bennett as the elected city official member of the Council, subject to him completing the paperwork. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Jennings and seconded by Council Member Smith to recommend to the Governor the reappointment of Jon Chandler and Austin McGuigan to the Council. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Jennings and seconded by Vice Chair Berger to recommend to the Governor the appointment of Senator Roblan to the Council as a citizen at large. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Jennings and seconded by Council Member Chandler to recommend to the Senate President the appointment of Senator Bill Hansell to the Council as the Senate's Advisory Council Member. The motion carried unanimously.

iv. Oregon State Fair Council Meeting Calendar for 2021:

2021 schedule is proposed as follow:

February 18, 2021
April 22, 2021
May 20, 2021
June 17, 2021
July 22, 2021
October 14, 2021
November 18, 2021
December 2, 2021

v. Appoint Committee to negotiate terms with Interim CEO/Director for the position of permanent CEO/Director:

A motion was made by Council Member Jennings and seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Chair Cameron to appoint a committee made up of Chair Cameron, Vice Chair Berger and Council Member Chandler to enter into negotiations with Interim CEO Kim Grewe-Powell to become the permanent CEO/Director of OSFEC. Outcome of the negotiations will be brought back to the Council at a future date. The motion passed unanimously.

b. State Fair:

Interim CEO/Director Grewe-Powell reported that she is working on budget scenarios to be brought to the Council at its February meeting.

c. Expo Center: None.

XI. Committee Reports and Action Thereon

- i. Executive Committee: None.
- ii. Governmental Affairs Committee: None
- iii. Nominating Committee: See Item X.a.iii. above.

XII. Public Comments on Non-Agenda items: None

XIII. Council Members' Comments:

Sen. Roblan said it was an honor working with everyone and looks forward to his future with the State Fair Council. The Council has done an exceptional job. Chair Cameron expresses to Sen. Roblan that it was great

working with him. Council Member Jennings said to be prepared for the biggest numbers of people attending the next fair. After the pandemic is over it could be the next big event. Vice Chair Berger to Council Member Derfler: “Gene, thank you particularly for your service and what you have done for this organization. I know it hasn’t been easy for you to get to these meetings. I know you have a lot on your plate right now. But from the beginning you have been one of the people that set us on this path, that we can sit here in these terrible times, and not be in complete panic mode and know we are going to go forward with the fair. So, Gene thank you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have done more for Oregon than anybody I can think of. I want you to know how much I appreciate you and how much we appreciate you.” Council Member Smith reminisced about the beginning going around setting up things for the State Fair Council, and appreciated having a mentor such as Gene. Chair Cameron ended with “2021 will be better.”

XIV. Adjourn: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm

Meeting Materials:

Agenda
Council Meeting Minutes 10/22/2020
Financial Statement 1/1/2020-10/31/2020
2019 Financial Report