



UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Approved Meeting Minutes

6:15 PM, Tues., June 10, 2025 @ Fair Building Conference Room

1740 E. Airport Rd., Hermiston, OR

1. **Call to Order & Introductions:** Chairman Steve Wallace, Vice Chair (VC) John Eckhardt, Directors Kelly Burke, Robbie Curry, Micheal Hampton, Doug Bennett, Board-Elect, Milo Weaver, Fair Coordinator (FC), Beth Wheeler & Board Secretary, Jennifer Sceva in attendance.
Absent –Commissioner Liaison, Dan Dorran, Board-Elect, Jose Garcia
Public –Moises Lopez
Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wallace at 6:16pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes (Action):** M/S by VC Eckhardt & Director Curry to approve the 5/21/25 minutes. VC Eckhardt, Directors Curry, Burke, Hampton, & Bennett in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Public input: None**
4. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Entertainment:** Director Bennett requested to have Moises Lopez as the Entertainment ambassador for Latino Night. Moises has experience in multimedia production to record local bands, sound production, and stage manager. He has also been on the Hermiston Cinco de Mayo board since 2017 and on the Hermiston Chamber board. FC Wheeler presented 2 contracts gathered by Moises for Los Morros del Norte & Hijos de Barron, totaling \$35,000. They would be the 2025 headliners for Latino night and there would be 3 local bands (~\$4500) playing as well that are popular on social media, especially Tik Tok. FC Wheeler also read Jose Garcia's email proposal for the radio station 100.1FM helping to recruit and manage bands for Latino night as well. Director Bennett voiced concerns that not all the bands Jose mentioned are in the US already and may have issues with visas. Moises' proposal would include a professional announcer, and advertising on social media & flyers. Intermissions would be no more than 15 minutes. Jose's proposal is for 5 bands totaling \$28,000 plus \$3,000 for backstage & advertising. Moises didn't have a proposed amount for his services but will get that to FC Wheeler by tomorrow, 6/11. Director Bennett to communicate with Moises tonight the expectations so he can give us an accurate quote.
 - b) **Barley Barn:** Director Burke requested the board's input on not having a DJ in the Barley Barn this year, and instead having the live music play later in the evening after the mainstage concerts. Consensus agreed.
5. **New Business:**
 - a) **Fair Board Vacancy:** FC Wheeler handed out a copy of the fair board's bylaws Article III Section E. Board of Commissioners are meeting next week and want the fair board's recommendations. Chairman Wallace recommended that Jose Garcia be moved into the vacant voting board position and Kara be recommended for the then vacant board-elect position. **M/S by VC Eckhardt to promote Jose Garcia for the voting board position and Kara for the board-elect position. VC Eckhardt, Directors Curry, Burke, Hampton, & Bennett in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - b) **Fair Court Chaperone:** FC Wheeler discussed process for finding new FC Chaperone and requirements. Chairman Wallace asked if the position will be advertised. FC Wheeler said yes.
 - c) Board discussed rotating the location of monthly board meetings to different towns throughout the county.
 - d) VC Eckhardt requested that the board send a letter to the BOC asking when they are going to fill the

“fair manager” position per the fair board bylaws. Director Curry explained that the name of the position has been changed to “Fair Coordinator” and the position has been filled. Chairman Wallace explained the play on words so that the position can go from coordinator to manager. FC Wheeler stated that changing the wording opens a new pool of people to increase # of candidates. Director Curry inquired about the email from Commissioner Dorran stating that the fair board would have an opportunity to review the applicant for the position prior to hiring, which did not happen.

6. **Next Meeting Date & Location:** June 18th, 2025 6:15pm @ Umatilla County Court House, Rm 114, 216 SE 4th St., Pendleton, OR
7. **Adjournment:** 7:25pm