



FAIR FAMILY NEWS

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34
years!



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FAIR FAMILY CALENDAR

MAY

- 16 Site Walk, Early History & Archeology of OCF Property, noon, meet at Main Camp
- 30 Sapling Stewardship Event, ID and flag non-Ash tree saplings, 10am to 4 pm, meet at Main Camp

JUNE

- 1 Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, Zoom, live-streamed on YouTube
- 3 Fair Family News deadline for June issue
- 3 Mandatory Food Booth meeting; 6:30 – 10 pm; Unitarian Universalist Church, Eugene; and on Zoom
- 6 Main Camp opens for working crews only
- 20 Site Walk, OCF Sapling Stewardship Sapling Tagging Party, noon, meet at Main Camp
- 28 Board of Directors Meeting, 4 pm, Zoom, live-streamed on YouTube
- 30 Last day to submit plans to Construction Crew

JULY

- 4 Construction requiring permits to be completed
- 8-12 Pick up passes at Registration
- 9 All construction completed – Tools Down.
- 10-12 Our Creative Family gathering!**
- 13 No camping on OCF property after 6 pm except post-Fair work crews
- 17 Main Camp closes
- 28 Culture Jam begins
- 31 Food voucher redemption expires
- 31 Last day to donate food vouchers to Jill Heiman Vision Fund
- 31 Deadline to submit advisory petitions to be placed on the October ballot, 8 pm
- 31 Last day for booths to request refunds for unused camping passes and vehicle stickers

AUGUST

- 1 Last day to remove all temporary booth/loft structures, personal property, ground covers
- 3 Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm, Zoom and online
- 5 Fair Family News deadline for August issue

And so much more! To view a full list of committee meetings and events go to:
<https://oregoncountryfair.net/events/>

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Fill out the [Voting Member Registration form](#) and return it to the Fair's Eugene office, or email it to elections@oregoncountryfair.org

Get on the FFN List

Tell us your name and your email address to be notified of the posting of the online version of the newsletter.

Email to: info@oregoncountryfair.org



Happy
 Birthday
 Geminis!



Here's a shout out to all our great Fair family members! Every one of you deserves recognition for your hard work for the Fair!

FFN MAY BLOOMING STAFF



Alex "Azalea" Zabala
 norma "Lily of the Valley" sax
 Dan "Camas" Cohn
 Kim "Columbine" Griggs
 Suzi "California Poppy" Prozanski
 Brad "Bluebells" Lerch
 Vanessa "Wisteria" Roy
 Mary "Iris" Doyon
 Trisha "Bleeding Heart" Burbaum
 Michael "Dogwood" Ottenhausen

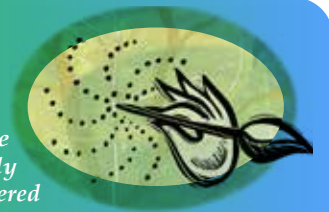


FAMILY LETTERS

This newsletter is for the Oregon Country Fair Family and all material is volunteered from the membership.

Opinions expressed here are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Fair or the FFN.

Letters must be limited to 300 words. They will be edited for length and clarity. Please include name, Fair Affiliation and a method of communication (i.e. phone number or e-mail).



Sunday Mourning Memorial Service at Fair

Dear Fair Family,

The Sunday Mourning Memorial Service at the Fair is a tradition begun 2015 and held every year, commemorating people who have left the Earthly plane. On Sunday morning of the Fair beginning at 10AM, we meet at “the Junction” of the Eight (near the Drum Tower)—symbolizing the Crossroads, where the Lands of Living and Dead meet, to memorialize members of our Fair Family and relatives and friends of our Fair Family who have left our mortal plane in the past year.

We invite all Fair Family who would like to bid farewell to a loved one, friend, or acquaintance, to join us at the Junction at 10am on Sunday of the Fair.

Some members of the Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Band will depart from Stage Left to the Junction at approximately 9:50am, marching to only the sound of our drum section. All are welcome to join the solemn march from Stage Left toward the Junction.

Beginning at 10am we briefly commemorate the departed. Attendees will be encouraged to state a name to be honored, and one sentence about the departed (there will be lots of names mentioned, so description will need to be limited). Those of us of the Tribes of Israel, and others who choose to join us, will recite the Kaddish, an ancient Aramaic memorial prayer (scripts will be provided). Prayers from other traditions will be most welcome as well.

After all names of those departed have been mentioned and prayers recited, we will leave the Junction to begin Day 3 of the Fair. Those of us returning to Stage Left will march in “New Orleans second line” fashion, expressing joy at being alive in our magical Fair setting. All are welcome to march with us back to Stage Left. Please join us in this Fair tradition. Sincerely,

Sammy Epstein

On behalf of Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Chamber Band/Orchestra

More Heart & Soul, Please

Dear Fair Family,

There is growing support among members of the Fair Family for a return to in-person / hybrid Board meetings.

Since the World Health Organization declared the COVID pandemic six years ago, our membership-run organization has convened less than five in-person / hybrid Board meetings. Up until last year, these were the June-ly meetings held on-site. There have been none since 2024 and none scheduled for this year. Less than 6 percent of all regularly scheduled Board meetings over the past six years have been in person or hybrid.

We are a Family that thrives on the magnetic directive energy that souls generate with eye-to-eye contact and communication. “The eyes are the window of the soul,” and “The eye is the lamp of the body,” are more than feel-good maxims: They are reminders that a person’s true emotions, thoughts and inner character are revealed through their eyes.

Scientific research has proven that the eyes are a key component of body language, serving as an intimate, honest window into a person’s inner world. No matter how tech-savvy we become, real, physical presence will not be duplicated. Face-to-face, eye-to-eye, heart-to-heart interactions are still the purest, most natural form of communication, and everything else is just an attempt to simulate them.

Current findings are proving that rapport and trust are easier to build and maintain face-to-face/heart-to-heart. The heart’s energy is said to reach about three feet outside of the physical body. (“You have such positive energy about you.”)

When it comes to relationship building, decision-making, problem solving or deep and true connection, nothing is more efficient than when we come together and communicate — verbally or nonverbally.

Contact your Board members to support in-person / hybrid Board meetings.

Michael “coyote” Connelly

Elder

Craft Demo Crew Seeks Artisans

If you’re a crafter who works with felt or creates jewelry and would like to spend time at the Fair demonstrating your craft, please get in touch with the Craft Demo Crew. We have openings for two crafters to show fairgoers how to create art. Email craftdemo@oregoncountryfair.org for more information.



Sound Bites

by Andy Goldfinger, Station Manager and Program Director, KOCF

Variety is a primary goal at KOCF. The variety of programming and the producers that make up that programming are what sets this station apart from many others. It is no small task to have programming 24/7, and while we would prefer to have all local producers, it has been a challenge during our time on the air to achieve that, but we are getting more and more coming on board.

Thankfully, there are syndicated programs available from the network we subscribe to that are carefully culled and meshed seamlessly with our local producer's programming. Syndication gives us an opportunity to bring semi-local and not-so-local perspectives to our musical palette. In addition, we have a number of "unhosted" programs (where you might hear familiar voices) that feature artists including the Grateful Dead, The Beatles, an all-female hour (Female Spin), Bob Dylan, Reggae, and the Stones — to name a few.

KOCF is currently providing 20 hours a week of live programming and an additional 35 plus hours of local programming each week, with the balance consisting of carefully selected syndicated programs like Democracy Now, Sonic Café and Alternative Radio. Recent metrics show KOCF's streaming audience continues to grow, which means we are reaching people out of the area.

At the end of May, I will be participating as a panel member at Crow Middle School for their Senior Capstone Projects of 2026. We are also in the midst of planning the first-ever KOCF Film Festival for the month of August at the Art House in Eugene. Tentative films include "The Last Waltz," "Summer

of Soul," "20 Feet From Stardom," and "Festival Express."

Through the years, KOCF has been integral in getting pertinent information to the Fern Ridge and Eugene communities with our Community Calendar, Egan Warming Center updates, and fire warn-

ings and restrictions. We have also been active in creating public service announcements for many of the organizations in the community, such as A Family For Every Child, C A S A of Lane County, the Veneta Library, and the



No Quiet Hours Documentary, among others, and we will continue to provide this valuable communication whenever it is needed.

The station is currently in the planning stages of relocating our station brain and computers from our transmitter and the ART facility. The lack of reliable internet service has made this a priority in the months ahead. If anyone knows of a location we could move our equipment to that also has storage space (about 400 square feet) for all of our gear and event collateral, please get in touch with me (andy@kocf.org). As part of this process we are also removing all of our equipment from the Lane County fire station in Veneta, where it all started. They have been a stable and gracious partner since the station's inception in 2015.

Locally produced programming and community involvement continue to be the cornerstones of KOCF. If anyone is interested in doing a show and can make the time commitment, I would love to hear your idea and find a spot in our programming. I am always reachable at the email above.



Top 10 Reasons for Riding Late Night Trips

1. A professional driver takes you back to Eugene on a comfortable bus
2. Sleep in your own bed
3. Take care of things at home and still enjoy after-hours at the Fair
4. Help the OCF to lower its carbon footprint
5. Receive a beautiful, laminated bus pass
6. Leave the camping gear at home
7. Leave your car at home
8. Help the Fair reduce the impact of camping and parking on the land
9. Shower without waiting in line
10. Have more energy for enjoying the Fair

So veteran and potential Trippers, please fill out the [2026 Registration Form](#) and read through the [2026 FAQ Sheet](#). You can fill in the Registration Form on your computer; print it out; and then along with your check, snail mail it or drop it off at the OCF office. The FAQ Sheet will answer all your most puzzling questions.

See you on the bus,
Jerry Joffe and Roy Burling

Do You Need New Crew Members?

The Volunteer Support Crew is here to help you find new volunteers for your crew. We can offer access to a list of available volunteers and/or help you pre-screen candidates with the time and skills you are looking for.

You will always have the final say on any new volunteers you bring into your crew.

Email us today at volunteering@oregoncountryfair.org

**Cheers! Megan, John, Sona, and Stephanie
Your Volunteer Support Crew**

2026 SCOF Lot Camping Policy

by Camping Crew

Vehicle camping in the SCOF Lot requires pre-approval from Camping Crew. If you would like to camp in SCOF Lot in 2026, request approval from Camping Crew at: campingcrew@oregoncountryfair.org. (note .org!)

Only vehicles that are slept in (camper, trailer, van) are allowed in SCOF Lot. Gators, carts, and 4A mobility devices are also allowed. To maximize our limited camping space, trailer tow vehicles are required to disconnect and park in a Fair Family parking area. There is no car parking in SCOF Lot.

Fair requires pre-approval to camp in SCOF Lot because we have to make sure everyone fits! The number of camping vehicles Family brings to SCOF Lot has steadily increased but Fair does not have other space available for vehicle camping.

If you arrive at the SCOF Lot gate to camp but do not have pre-approval, and there is no remaining space,

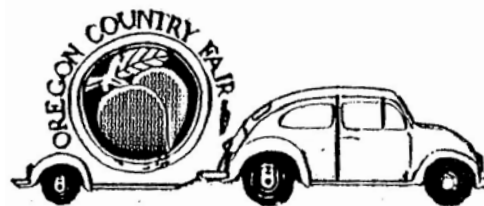
your camping vehicle must either leave site or park in Outta Site and not be used for camping.

To receive approval to camp in SCOF Lot:

- all campers must have a wristband
- all camping vehicles must be used for sleeping
- all camping vehicles must have a Fair Vehicle Sticker
- all camping vehicles longer than 22', including trailers, must additionally have a Fair Oversized Vehicle Sticker
- there must be available space

Please consider bringing the smallest camping vehicle you can and expect to have limited porch space outside of the camping vehicle.

Please contact Camping Crew at campingcrew@oregoncountryfair.org for SCOF Lot camping approval or with any questions about camping at Fair.



Wait/Share List

Do you have booth space to share? If you do, these fine Fair family artists would love to hear from you! If you need extra passes for a crafter on the wait/share list, the Booth Rep may request them from Registration. The wait/share list is comprised of juried crafters who have participated in the Fair. If you are an active juried crafter who wants to be on this list or to be removed from this list, contact Registration by email at 1YO@OregonCountryFair.org or phone 541-357-8625 to leave a message. This list is also available at the www.oregoncountryfair.net website.

Kathy	Beight	Fantasy Creature Wear - ears, tails, horns and other creature bits	310-306-1327	creatureish@gmail.com	etsy.com/shop/creatureishshoppe
Natalie	Bloodgood	Face painting, small sculpture, paintings and festival cloaks	503-381-9788	art.natalie@gmail.com	
Matthew	Brown	Wooden surfboards, passive amplifiers, spatulas, cutting boards and rolling pins	541-321-3461	lostcreekwoodcraft1@gmail.com	
Evan	Burnette	Hand Blown Glass: Large Colorful Vases and other Functional and Sculptural Objects	208-598-2838	evan.lagpdx@gmail.com	localartglass.com
Cris	Chapman	Wearable Masks, Fascinators, and Hair Halos	503-913-7949	crischaperson@gmail.com	instagram.com/maskgalmasks
Jimmy	Copenhaver	Hand carved stone massage tools	503-999-0462	jimmycopenhaver@gmail.com	BodyRocks.com
Brian	Cummings	We make 3 string electric guitars and amps made from repurposed items.	503-880-4923	zodiacsnowwolf@gmail.com	rabbleboxcbg.com
Cheri	Ellis	Bee, moth, mushroom artist with printed stickers, cards and prints, as well as art printed dresses.	206-227-5206	duendecheri7@gmail.com	cheriaellis.com
Tara	FlyingHorse	Hand woven textiles & Silver Jewelry	509-207-0739	flyinghorseartstudio@gmail.com	flyinghorseartstudio.square.site
Brendan	Fuller	Pottery, ceramic sculpture, easy going, bumpy glaze and wood fired works.	206-650-0966	brendanfullerceramics@gmail.com	brendanfullerceramics.com
Jaimee	Gentile	I paint whimsical miniature watercolors, each about one inch big	541-653-5558	paintingsforhummingbirds@gmail.com	paintingsforhummingbirds.com
Amber (Phoenix)	Glassman	Altar guardians made from fabric and paper clay, magical guides	908-334-9487	infinite-doorways.art@proton.me	infinite-doorways.com
Andrew	Gudger	Hand blown and sculpted hot glass art, with glow in the dark functional, wearable and art objects.	541-729-7396	aggudger@gmail.com	
Frida	Haas	My specialty is creating unique and beautiful face and body painting.	360-440-6332	fridahaas@gmail.com	FridaHaas.com
Exa	Hanson	I'm the 'Fairy lady', I sell a variety of large and small intricate fairy houses from \$ to \$\$\$ price	208-410-3666	exajojo@gmail.com	
Laura	Harris	Sterling silver jewelry, organic & natural, made with unique Japanese process of mitsuro hikime	503-334-6261	laura@junipermoonjewelry.com	junipermoonjewelry.com
Ira	Hyder	Jewelry made from silver cast peach pits	541-647-8517	Ira_Hyder@yahoo.com	
Ann	Hymas	Clothing, coats, vests and costumes	503-705-6482	annhymascircle@gmail.com	circlecouture.net
Cynthia	King	Herbal Aromatherapy product line of Sprays, blended oils, body creams and lip balms.	503-874-9423 971-338-6798 c	lutawellness@gmail.com	TheHerbShed.com
Debbie	Krell	I am excited to create a stunning booth; bringing vibrant custom tie dyed clothing & tapestries.	206-384-8095	debbie.krell@yahoo.com	instagram.com/debbie.krell
Sherri	Kremer	Hand forged mixed metal jewelry with rare and unusual stones from all over the world.	530-519-1430	sheeri@sherricrystals.com	sherricrystals.com
Colin	Liotta	Mathematical art made from natural materials like wood, paper, agate, and glass.	510-290-9125	colin@liottadesign.com	liottadesign.com
Kristi	MacDonald	Glass art.		kristimac77@msn.com	
Moksha	Marquardt	Fine art paintings and archival reproductions of my work.	206-954-8242	mokusa@mac.com	mokshakusa.com
Marilyn	McElroy	My 2 crafts are iridescent fairy wings and elaborate jewelry featuring insects.	719-339-9198	witchhazellc@gmail.com	witchhazelcollective.com
Eric	Myers	Handcrafted and painted high quality Longboard skateboards.	541-729-9055	cascadialongboards@gmail.com	
Frances	O'Halloran	I am a Bio-Regional Herbalist + Maker of Super Natural Skin Care + Herbal Wellness Products.	919-414-3665	frances.lovejoybotanicals@gmail.com	lovejoybotanicals.com
Benjamin	Posin	I craft wearable sculptures by hand using exotic woods, fossils, gemstones, and precious metals.	503-330-0376	benaposin@gmail.com	sticksandstonesjewelry.com
Christopher	Reitmaier	Hand made, one of a kind, mixed-Media, recycled art	702-559-0910	somniative@gmail.com	instagram.com/somniative
Ashtine	Rieke	Welded copper and steel flower blooms, adornments and displays	541-580-4428	studioblackavenue@gmail.com	ashtine.com
Holli or Holly	Ries	3 & 1/2 " acorn- cap character dolls	541-660-3137	forestfolkelf@gmail.com	
Hannah	Ring	Magical and mystical capes and cloaks for sprites, elves, and all Faire Folk	541-690-4816	Hannahringing@gmail.com	
Meagan	Riordan	Grounded and Intuitive Tarot and Rune Readings that offer compassion and guidance	510-541-2544	mkr916@gmail.com	instagram.com/the.celestial.kalama
ArunaBeth Miriam	Rose	Intuitive Tarot & Numerology Readings /Counseling & Consulting	541-510-7063	bethr@efn.org	facebook.com/RoseLotusHealingArtsTarot
Amanda	Ryznar	I make carved porcelain pottery, and am now also juried in for my crochet work and handsewn dolls.	541-232-4425	ryznaramanda@gmail.com	facebook.com/yogagoat
Tine	Sockeel	Micromacrame jewelry and bodyjewelry	510-934-6047	serpentina7777777@gmail.com	
Jazzietoo	Sparks	Handmade Organic Clothing and Functional Pottery	541-520-8810	jazzietoo@gmail.com	
Sherilyn	Sunflower	I make Willow baskets and crafts, meditation pillows, Gaia Wraps (reusable saran alternative), and playing card holders.	541-740-9234	sherilynsunflower@gmail.com	SunflowerInspirations.com
KocoBunny	Tell	Yurok Native Regalia, Hand Drawn art clothing, Leather and feather jewelry	707-218-8334	rokotell@gmail.com	facebook.com/people/Kocobunny/100063835
Espy	Thomson	I create custom fresh flower crowns and flower art - can flexibly adjust to share booth space.	413-687-3358	espythomson@gmail.com	
Jarred	Trantham	VIBRANT, FUNCTIONAL, PSYCHADELIC LEATHER ART WORK INSPIRED BY THE PEOPLE OF FAIR AND MUSIC!	904-316-2199	lostsailordesign@gmail.com	LOSTSAILORLEATHER.COM
Shari	Trnka	Recycled wool and cashmere elf slippers and gnome hats in sizes for the whole family	360-951-1318	sharitrnka@gmail.com	
Deb	VanPoolen	Deb creates fine art landscape paintings and large-scale scientific illustrations.	541-973-9037	dvp@tuta.com	biodiversityarts.com
Candice	Westberg	I make whimsical ceramic art. My themes range from shroom booties, the PNW, to snarky humor & more.	541-514-2865	artbycandice@live.com	candicewestberg.bigcartel.com
Richard	Wiget	Squirt-A-Shirt is a interactive Esoteric craft where you make your own tie-dye, with the OCF Logo.	541-206-4498	madebyrealhippies@gmail.com	madebyrealhippies.com

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Aleksandra	Wilkerson	Expressive, contemplative paintings and prints exploring nature and subjective experience.	646-288-7676	sashawilkart@gmail.com	sashawilkart.com
Michael F	Wolik	Magical Reflection Art Created with Nature Photography	541-525-2802	mfwolik@gmail.com	mfwolik.com
Chris	Wu	Screen printed clothing from Portland	541-788-7100	mr.wu@rythmatix.com	rythmatix.com
Loralee	Zeigler	Hemp and natural fiber clothing	541-515-4540	email@circlecreations.net	circlecreations.net

Water System Rebuild Project at Fair Site

We are excited to share with you news about the Water Project that was approved by the Board of Directors at the March Board meeting. Here are the design maps for rebuilding the water system. We anticipate construction to start in August and will be done in quadrants over the next five years.

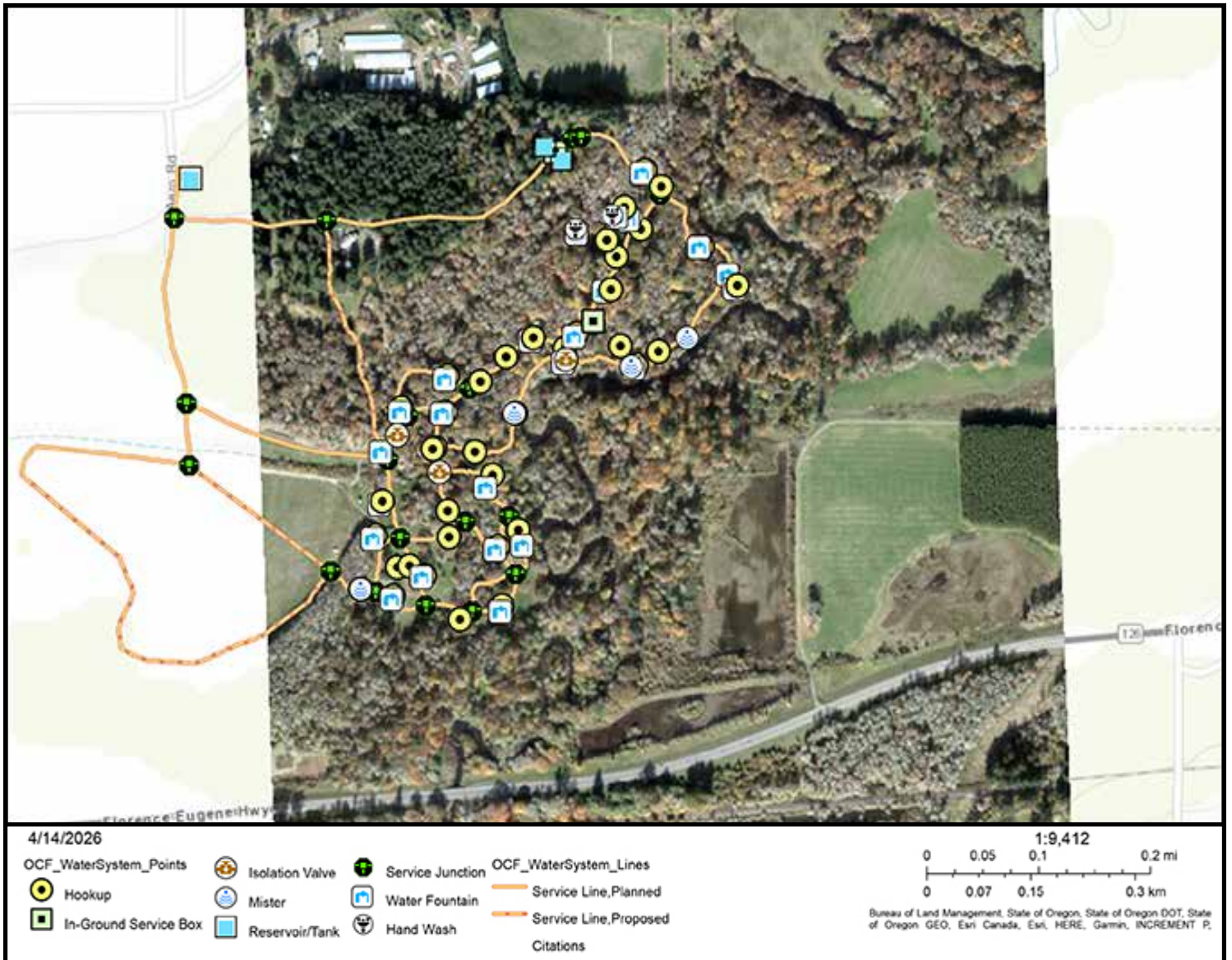
There will be some tree removal along Aero Road for the new inlet/head end. We will begin planting trees this summer, spring and fall to mitigate the loss of these trees. Additionally, we will mill the trees that we remove and use the wood in the venue which will ben-

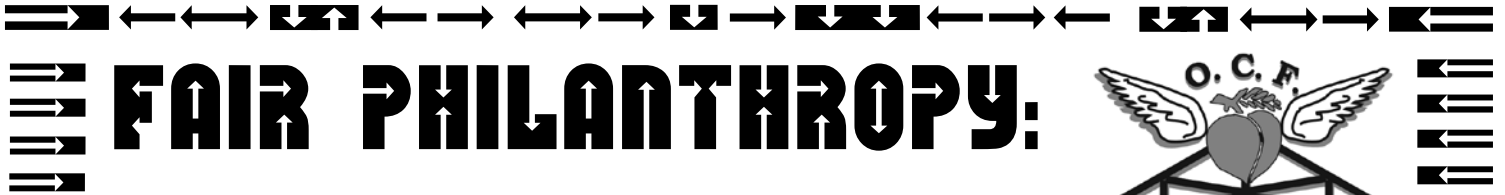
efit the Fair for years to come. The new system will also provide water reserves for fire suppression year round.

The project also includes the installation of fiber optic cable along the routes to improve our internet connectivity throughout the Fair.

It is our goal with this project to become water independent, so we will no longer need to rely on the generosity of our neighbors for water delivery.

We would like to thank Water Crew and IT Crew for all their amazing efforts in making this project come to fruition.





FAIR PHILANTHROPY:



Oregon Country Fair Supports Greywater Filtration for CSS Communities

submitted by the Civil Liberties Defense Center

Community Supported Shelters (CSS) is meeting the challenge of limited funding and ambitious sustainability goals with a practical, win-win solution: greywater filtration systems.

Like many communities around the world, many of its shelter communities for the unhoused lack access to city water or sewer connections. For years, each site depended on trucked-in potable water, while the resulting greywater — wastewater from handwashing stations and sinks — had to be hauled away, an approach that was both costly and environmentally taxing.

Sustainable Access to Water for Unhoused

Thanks to the financial support of the Oregon Country Fair's Jill Heiman Vision Fund, CSS was able to develop, pilot, and install greywater filtration systems at many of its communities in Eugene. Currently, full systems have been implemented in six communities, with a seventh nearing completion.

Hauling water was costing CSS around \$12,000 annually, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions, and carrying the risk of accidental spills during transport. "We hauled over 500 gallons of clean water per week to our communities," explained Facilities Manager Dustin Foskett, "and then we were turning around and hauling hundreds of gallons of greywater out. It was very important work, but inefficient and costly."

Kory Russel, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Studies at the University of Oregon, saw this problem as an opportunity for his students to design and build a solution. The solution they created for CSS was a low-tech system at a reasonable cost.

The system takes advantage of the remarkable abili-



CSS Facilities Manager Dustin Foskett (right) and UO Assistant Professor Kory Russel, whose students designed the greywater filtration systems.

ties of native aquatic plants such as rushes, horsetails, and sedges. Water reed plants are especially effective in greywater filtration systems because of their ability to regulate water through evapotranspiration and tolerate fluctuating conditions. They naturally draw up and release water back into the atmosphere, and their resilience to both saturated and dry conditions allows them to thrive in systems with fluctuating water levels.

"You're taking the basic function of a wetland, and you are shrinking it into a box," Professor Russel explained.

Job Training for Unhoused

CSS and UO students learned a lot along the way, and the initial systems needed upgrades to higher-capacity water pumps and commercial-grade grease traps to be more resilient and require less maintenance.



The greywater filtration system at Community Supported Shelters' Skinner Community.

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These systems are maintained by CSS staff and by clients in the Workforce Development Program, which provides job training for people experiencing homelessness. One program pathway trains participants in water quality management, water delivery and general sanitation, providing work experience with the ultimate goal of securing permanent employment. CSS has already hired five workforce participants who were actively engaged in our greywater workforce development projects as Maintenance Technicians.

Future Expansions in Eco-Friendly Water

With support from partners like the Oregon Country Fair and the University of Oregon, CSS is advancing practical, environmentally focused solutions such as greywater filtration. These systems help shelter communities reduce operating costs, conserve water resources, and minimize their environmental footprint while supporting more resilient, efficient operations.

Future plans include expanding from two to four greywater filtration systems powered by solar energy

and connecting all systems to drip irrigation to support community garden spaces. As this work grows, it offers a strong example of how targeted infrastructure investments can advance sustainability goals while improving conditions for residents.



Native aquatic plants help filter the water in the greywater systems at CSS community sites.



Forest Stewardship Volunteers Needed

The Oregon Country Fair is looking for volunteers to support Sapling Stewardship and other forest stewardship activities during the Main Camp period (May–July), including throughout Fair weekend. You can reach us at OCF.Forest.Stewardship@oregoncountryfair.org or join us at the Sapling Stewardship event on May 30.

We're especially interested in volunteers with experience in tree identification, habitat assessment, arboriculture, forestry, environmental education, or integration of GIS and field data collection. Familiarity with the OCF site is a plus. We also welcome folks already involved with stewardship efforts—such as VegManECs, Site Crew, Tree Team, Arborists, the OCF Biodiversity iNaturalist project, LUMP, or the EAB Task Force—but this opportunity is open to anyone who has attended the Fair and/or can provide a Fair family reference.

A limited number of trade passes are available for volunteers who can contribute significant time—for example, ~80 hours pre-Fair, ~20 hours during Fair (Thursday–Monday), or a combination of the two.

If you already have a camping pass—or don't need one—we'd still love your help, whether as part of your existing volunteer role, or by contributing extra time. Volunteers in this category can expect camaraderie, pre-Fair meals, worker day passes as needed, and opportunities to stay involved as this effort grows. Extras, like a t-shirt, hoodie, or even your SO pass gratis for the year, may also be available.

If you're interested, please email us with a brief note about your experience. If you're hoping for a trade pass, please also include a Fair family reference and a rough sense of your availability during Main Camp and Fair weekend.



Jill Heiman Vision Fund Marks 30th Anniversary

by the Jill Heiman Vision Fund Allocations Committee

The Jill Heiman Vision Fund celebrates our 30th anniversary this year!

Thanks to all of you generous donors and our OCF Board of Directors' matching donations, we gave more than \$696,000 to community nonprofits over those years. What a lovely tribute to Jill Heiman, the attorney who helped facilitate the Fair's incorporation as a nonprofit and helped the Fair make its original land purchase!

And we are gearing up to do it all over again. We are excited to announce the grants that will be funded by your donations to the Jill Heiman Vision Fund this year. Five nonprofit groups will receive funds for their proposals related to basic needs and equity:

The Kareng Fund/Caring Fund, which provides a safety net for local artisans. Donations will support artisans who experience problems such as medical situations, vehicle failures, fires or thefts that compromise the artist's ability to work.

Mid Lane Cares for its shower and laundry program. Volunteers staff the hygiene program at Fern Ridge Service Center that benefits unhoused individuals, as well as families and children with unstable housing from the Fern Ridge School District. Donations will help fund a new water heater and provide soap and other hygiene supplies.

Oregon Community Asylum Network to help ICE victims meet basic survival needs. Donations will go to-

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Volunteers in Medicine to provide free health care to low-income adults in Lane County. About 65 percent of patients are Spanish-speaking, and VIM offers home-delivered medications and telehealth options for patients worried about the uptick in federal immigration enforcement policy. VIM does not share any patient information with federal or state entities.

Willamette Food & Farm Coalition for food equity programs in Veneta and Oakridge. Donations will improve access to nutritious, fresh food by directing surplus harvests from local farms to nearby food pantries.

Funds will also be used for two incentive programs: Protein Bucks offers \$10 tokens for purchase of locally raised protein and Little Sprouts hands out \$5 tokens to children 12 and under for purchasing fresh fruits, vegetables or plant starts.

Donations boxes are located at Information Booths around the Fair. Checks and cash donations are tax-deductible; include address for mailed receipt.

One food voucher and one dollar at a time, donors to Jill Heiman Vision Fund are making a difference in our community. Thanks to everyone for your awesome support!

\$1 = \$3

The OCF Board triples the power of your gift with its \$2 match for every \$1 donated, up to a total of \$20,000. Look for donation boxes for the Jill Heiman Vision Fund at Information Booths around the Fair. Food vouchers, cash or checks may be donated. Checks and cash donations are tax-deductible; include address for mailed receipt. Donations also can be mailed to the Oregon Country Fair, 442 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97401.



Calling All Tree Huggers

by OCF Management, Forest Stewardship Team, and the Emerald Ash Borer Task Force

Do you know how to identify the trees of the Fair, or would you like to learn? Would you like to help the Oregon Country Fair protect the next generation of forest canopy at the Fair? Join us on Saturday, May 30, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Fair site and participate in Sapling Stewardship. You will help identify, flag and map young non-ash trees on site.

The floodplain forests of the Fair site are comprised largely of Oregon Ash, which are threatened by the arrival of the invasive Emerald Ash. (<https://oregoncountryfair.net/emerald-ash-borer-task-force/>)

After the first detections on the West Coast just south of Portland in 2022, EAB-infected Ash trees have recently been found just 10 miles northeast of Salem. Unfortunately, the arrival of EAB and its impact on the Fair's forests is all but inevitable. In addition to restricting Fair family from bringing firewood on site that may inadvertently transport EAB, the OCF is also employing strategies to prepare for the impacts of EAB.

Fortunately, other tree species are able to grow on site — we currently have many Oregon White Oaks and Big Leaf Maples — but these are a lesser component and often overlooked. Every year, we know the Fair Family inadvertently overlook and trample many young seedlings and saplings of non-ash trees that are native and adapted to the site, and that could otherwise become full trees if given the space and time to grow.

We will use customized flagging and mapping to

start to demarcate young oaks, maple, and other trees that are crucial to protect now so that they can continue to grow and eventually form the new forest canopy when our ash trees succumb to EAB.

This year we will also be working closely with OCF management to begin the process of identifying areas that are good for planting additional trees and consulting with Fair Family campers, crew and booth leaders that want to start engaging in the Fair's long-term forest canopy planning.

In 2026, we're continuing the Sapling Stewardship effort to identify and preserve non-ash trees that are already growing in the 95 acres of the Fair's forest that we use the most — the Eight, Xavanadu and Chela Mela, and camping for Energy Park, Traffic, and South Woods, and adjacent tree-covered areas.

Please join us on Saturday, May 30, at 10 am to help identify, flag and map young non-ash trees on site. Learn what criteria we're developing to identify good places to plant different tree species and help start consultations with Fair family.

Meet at "The Island," which is located north of the bus pickup area, between the entrances to Main Camp and the Recycling Dock. We will provide training, matching up experienced with less-experienced, customized "OCF Stewardship Tree" flagging, and a plan to capture data from our efforts.

Please bring water, weather-appropriate gear including sturdy footwear, and lunch.



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Membership Secretary Opening

The Fair is recruiting a Membership Secretary. This position comes with a pass and a parking pass. The right person will have prompt communication, attention to detail and good proof-reading skills.

Please email your letter of interest to ocf-board@oregoncountryfair.org. The deadline to submit your letter is June 1, 2026.



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Send Us Your Fair Stories!

by Suzi Prozanski, Fair Family News

It has been my honor and a heck of a lot of fun to document the Fair's beginning decades in my two books, "Fruit of the Sixties" and "Brigadoon of the Sixties." I owe a lot to the help from Fair folks who agreed to be interviewed, who helped with the interviews, who transcribed those interviews, and who shared their photos.

But those stories covered only the first part of the Fair's 50-year history. There are three more decades of stories out there in Fair-land — a new generation with your own stories to tell!

The Fair has grown so much, it's impossible for one person to keep up with it all through interviews. Instead, I'm asking Fair Family to help out by telling us your stories in Fair Family News. We had a good run of stories for the Fair's 50th anniversary. Since then, there have been new anniversaries for booths and crews every year!

If your booth or crew has celebrated an anniversary



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milestone, please write about that and include your shared Fair history. Tell us about special traditions, magical moments and notable events. Or consider writing brief bios of key people in your crew or booth — whether they are founders or new folks coming in. We welcome photos, too. If you need help getting started, we can offer prompts and ideas. Email your questions, your stories and photos to ffn@oregoncountryfair.org. We will publish stories and photos as time and space allows in our new column "True Fairy Tales."

If the Fair Family News gets enough stories over the next few years, we're considering publishing a third book about Fair history — documented and written by you!

Suzi Prozanski is the author of "Fruit of the Sixties: The Founding of the Oregon Country Fair" and "Brigadoon of the Sixties: Revelry & Kerfuffles at the Oregon Country Fair." www.suzipro.com



Recently Unclassified Material

We accept UnClassifieds up to 30 words for \$5 each, per issue. Send listing with \$5 to O.C.F.-F.F.N. 442 Lawrence St. Eugene, OR 97401. For questions, information about display underwriting and to submit listings, Email: ffunderwriting@gmail.com

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Room for rent by Fair Elder for one person (M or F) in forested SW Hills two-story home. Must have transportation. Rent negotiable. Email to richlocus@aol.com

Native Yurok elder - Original, one of a kind leather jewelry, feather jewelery and hand drawn art clothing. Top 10 score last year. @Kocobunny FB page or kocobunnytell@gmail.com Thank you

Visual artist, Moksha Marquardt looking to share a booth this year. Beautiful original paintings, canvas prints, smaller paper prints, Mala necklaces and other classy merch. Friendly and chill personality. mokusa@mac.com

This Pyro Tankgirl forges cosmic metal flower blooms. Searching for another artisan that will take me under their wing. I come fully equipped with power tool needs. Ashtine: 541-580-4428

Evan Burnette, owner at Local Art Glass in Portland. I blow a wide variety of glass work, both functional and sculptural. Looking for booth space! See my work at: <https://www.localartglass.com>, <https://www.evanburnetteart.com> and <https://www.etsy.com/shop/localartglasspdx>

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Amanda Ryznar, YogaGoat Pottery Seeking booth space for my carved porcelain pottery. I also have my crochet work and handsewn Waldorf style dolls approved. Thank you for considering :) 541-232-4425

Mask Maker Seeks Booth Share. 5th year vendor. Wearable Masks, Hair Halos, and Fascinators. Can assist in booth buildout. No camping needed. Cris Chapman 503-913-7949 crischaperson@gmail.com Maskgalmasks on Instagram.

Miniature Artist Looking For A Booth - Hey Fair Fam! I'm looking for a space to sell my tiny paintings. Let's connect! Jaimee Lee Gentile (541) 653-5558 paintings-forhummingbirds@gmail.com www.paintingsforhummingbirds.com

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Board of Directors Meeting

May 4, 2026, 7 pm

(Subject to approval by the Board at the June, 2026 Board meeting)

Zoom remote online and live streamed on YouTube

YouTube recording link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYvyuz2G_jc



Board Directors present: Anthony “AJ” Jackson (President), Lawrence “LT” Taylor, Zahra Indigo Ronlov, Felicia Kirsch, Sandra Bauer, Paxton Hoag, Kevin Levy, Trevor Ross (Vice President), Jon Steinhart, John Govsky and John Davis. Absent Board Members: Teresa Vaughn. Other Board officers present: Hilary Anthony (Treasurer) and Anna DiBenedetto (Recording Secretary). Staff present: Kirsten Bolton (Executive Director), Melissa Swan (Bookkeeper), Vanessa Roy (Marketing Manager), Alex Zabala (Office Manager), Mark Malaska (Senior Event Manager), Kim Langolf (Event Manager), and Steven Berkson (Facilitator).

Announcements

Hilary: Cathy Sutherland (co-founder of the Royal Famille du Caniveaux) had a stroke while on vacation in New Orleans. They expect her to be hospitalized for a month. Please send loving and healing thoughts. There are links on some Fair family pages on Facebook to see a Caring Bridge and GoFundMe. Cathy has good support and the Fair is part of that. She has been important to the Fair and she is so wonderful. In her work life, she is an accomplished gymnastics coach, and she is well recognized at the Fair and Moisture Festival.

Sue Theolass: The Caring Fund, a relief fund for artisans in crisis, is having their annual Art Bingo event from 5 to 8 pm on May 19 at the Garden on Friendly Street. Everyone will win a prize. There will be a silent auction. Country Fair VIPs will be there.

Coyote Connelly: Lest we never forget, today is the 56th anniversary of the killings at Kent State in Ohio. Elders were greatly impacted by the four young folks of their generation who were murdered by Ohio National Guard. It revolutionized many of them. Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. Second, longtime and early Mediation Team member Dot Fisher-Smith of Ashland died in February at 97 years young. She is probably the Fair crew team volunteer with the most years on this Earth. For an overview, look at February 9 Ashland Chronicle article. Thirdly, Shannon McCarthy, longtime Fair member and co-coordinator of the Neighborhood Response Team, passed away last month. She was witty, an effective leader and she was kind and gentle. Her earthly presence will be missed as her spirit lives on.

AJ: The Board, BUMs and staff concluded the third in a series of Equity and Inclusion trainings. The Board will continue to work in this area until we come up with a way to bring this training to the membership as a whole.

Indigo: Thanks to everyone who made the Spring Fling happen. It was very sweet to see new and familiar faces. Yay for Culture Jam! The Jill Heiman Vision Fund Allocations Committee met on April 15 to select the 2026 grantees that will receive the donations raised at this year’s Fair. We are excited to share with you the five projects that the Committee has chosen to recommend for funding: The Kareng Fund/Caring Fund, which provides a safety net for local artisans. Donations

will support artisans who experience problems such as medical situations, vehicle failures, fires or thefts that compromise the artist's ability to work. Mid Lane Cares for its shower and laundry program. Volunteers staff the hygiene program at Fern Ridge Service Center that benefits unhoused individuals, as well as families and children with unstable housing from the Fern Ridge School District. Donations will help fund a new water heater and provide soap and other hygiene supplies. Oregon Community Asylum Network to help ICE victims meet basic survival needs. Donations will go toward shelter, utilities, transportation, legal representation and medical care for asylum seekers. The program prioritizes families torn apart by ICE, and family members who have been traumatized, kidnapped, deported, or sent to detention camps. Volunteers in Medicine to provide free health care to low-income adults in Lane County. About 65 percent of patients are Spanish-speaking, and VIM offers home-delivered medications and telehealth options for patients worried about the uptick in federal immigration enforcement policy. VIM does not share any patient information with federal or state entities. Willamette Food & Farm Coalition for food equity programs in Veneta and Oakridge. Donations will improve access to nutritious, fresh food by directing surplus harvests from local farms to nearby food pantries. Funds will also be used for two incentive programs: Protein Bucks offers \$10 tokens for purchase of locally raised protein and Little Sprouts hands out \$5 tokens to children 12 and under for purchasing fresh fruits, vegetables or plant starts. All these nonprofit organizations offer programs that fit JHVF's mission of meeting basic needs, as well as the Oregon Country Fair's charitable purpose of providing benefits to the community. Thank you for your continued support, The Jill Heiman Vision Fund Allocations Committee.

Minutes Review

(YouTube video: 0:10:21)

The Board approved the minutes of the April 6, 2026, meeting by unanimous consent.

Agenda Review

Jon moved to withdraw the committee three-year term motion. Indigo is going to provide a replacement motion. This was postponed already and not on the agenda. Nobody objected.

Indigo moved and AJ seconded to move the Committee Best Practices motion from New Business to Old Business.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

The Board approved the May 4, 2026 agenda as amended by unanimous consent.

Member Input

Indigo: Anyone who can go on site before the Fair will see beautiful camas and trillium. It's a natural wonderland and a treasure.

John Alexander: He requested a formal policy for Member Correspondence. When members provide formal written input, it should be a matter of record. If input is used to inform Board decisions, the membership has a right to know the substance of that input.

LT: Last month a lot was said about history and precedent about appointments to vacancies. One thing said was that vacancies have been filled several times. He only found one instance from 30 years ago. A 1995 vacancy wasn't filled until after the next election later that fall. There weren't enough candidates to fill all the seats, so the Board appointed Reggie DeSoto.

Coyote Connelly: He is an Elder and he feels there is an increased interest in in-person and/or hybrid Board meetings. We are humans that thrive on eye-to-eye contact and magnetic vibrations between bodies and hearts. In-person meetings build rapport, communication and trust. In-person meetings will reduce multi-tasking and other forms of distraction. Or in the meantime, please let the members keep their cameras on during the meeting.

Steven B: Cameras are off for members during the meeting because it can affect the performance of Zoom in a larger meeting. We want cameras on if people are speaking, but when not speaking, there can be distractions from movement or facial expressions of those that are not speaking.

Jon Steinhart: He didn't say that Arna claimed that they met together. She claimed that "the Board decided" and the Board did not decide it and that's what he was commenting on.

AJ: We need to start these meetings in a positive way. We can do better. Steven often reminds us to assume good intent. Let's make a better effort to be kind to each other. Let's all agree for the next meeting to put our swords down and do the work of the organization.

Steven: Everyone has a responsibility to keep the temperature down. Everyone is doing their best, but we need practice expressing our disagreements. Avoid naming people and instead refer to "my esteemed colleague."

Staff Report – Executive Director

(YouTube video 0:28:37)

Kirsten: **Administration:** Staff event cycle schedule: Monday, May 18 to Sunday, July 5: Alex Zabala in Eugene Office on Mondays and Tuesdays, on-site Friday to Sunday (off Wednesday and Thursday); Kirsten, Vanessa and Melissa in Eugene office Wednesdays and Thursdays, on-site Friday to Sunday (off Monday and Tuesday); Mark, Kim, and Durwin on-site Wednesdays to Sundays (off Mondays and Tuesdays); Alexis and Jeff on-site Friday to Tuesday (off Wednesdays and Thursdays); Korey on-site Thursdays to Monday (off Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Monday, July 6 to Sunday, July 12: All staff on-site, all the time. Monday, July 13 to Sunday, July 19: Alex returns to M-F; Vanessa and Melissa return to Eugene office on Tuesday for M-F schedule; Mark, Kim, Alexis and Kirsten on-site for Decon through July 19. Monday, July 20: Eugene office staff return to M-F. The Volunteer Crew opened the volunteer application on March 2. If you know someone who wants to volunteer, send them to the .org site to sign up. If you need volunteers on

your crew, contact volunteering@oregoncountryfair.org. The 2025 Public Survey is published on the .net site. You can read it here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2026/04/2025-Public-Demographic-Survey-Report.pdf>.

Event Management: 2026 Culture Jam is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, to Tuesday, August 4. The 2026 Teddy Bear Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 16. The 2026 Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, at 6:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church; it will be in-person and on Zoom. There are new guidelines around Mystery Machine use during Main Camp and the Fair. Mystery Machine permits are available for privately owned motorized vehicles, that are not full-size passenger vehicles and are performing crew-related operational activities and approved motorized and non-motorized service bikes. Mystery Machine permits will not be issued for personal use or personal transportation by crews. This guideline is not intended to limit the reasonable accommodation of alter-abled individuals; individuals in need of a 4A sticker for motorized transportation may contact 4A during Main Camp or in Dragon Plaza during the Fair. If the Mystery Machine vehicle is to be used during pre-Fair/Main Camp, the application is due two weeks before Main Camp opens. If the vehicle is to be used during the Fair, the application is due two weeks before the Fair. Liability Insurance for the Mystery Machine vehicle is required and, at minimum, should be \$50,000 bodily injury per person, \$100,000 bodily injury per accident, and \$50,000 property damage per accident. Proof of insurance will be required at the time of application. Any permitted Mystery Machine that is operated in a manner that violates the limited license to operate the vehicle will be impounded. Any driver of any motorized vehicle driving at excessive speed, under the influence, or driving in another reckless or dangerous manner may be asked to relinquish their vehicle immediately and may face additional sanctions, including but not limited, to trespass from OCF. From June 1 through August 31, scooters, tricycles, and other riding toys are not allowed on the paths except for bicycles with Mystery Machine stickers, conditions permitting. Mystery Machine applications are available at <https://bit.ly/4rmCBc9>.

2026 Coordinator Appointments: We are happy to announce, welcome and express deep gratitude to the following new Coordinators and Coordinators in Training (CIT) for stepping up and taking on leadership roles in their crews (in no particular order): Carole Gorger — Solar Stages; Stephanie Head (CIT) — Volunteer Support; Pam Tyrell — Survey Crew/Feedback; Jennifer Barnes (CIT) — Sanitation/Peachy Clean; JiAna Dollardhide — Youth Stage; Sunni William — Youth Stage; Christine Rice — Cart Central; Mikaela Loehr — Recycling; Lucky Hilliard — Deconstruction; Hannah Finley — Hospitality; David Hyink — Xavanadu Movement; Tara Burk — Spoken Word; Shoshanah Huber — Spoken Word; Eric Braman — Spoken Word; Michelle Seuss (CIT) — Traffic; Michael Forest Gibbens (CIT) — Traffic; Kendon Bright — Entertainment Services; AJ Amanda Joseph — Entertainment Services; Alice Ellis (CIT) — Sweep; Helen Krothe (CIT) — Medical; Mike Backman — Lot Crew; Noah Barth — Main Stage; Gabe O'Brien (CIT) — Ambiance Art; Travis Southworth-Neumeyer (CIT) — Ambiance Art; Christina Calkins (CIT) — Ambiance Art; Katie Lou Markley (CIT) — Ambiance Art; Zahra Indigo Ronlov (CIT) — Ambiance Art; Mary Honeyoats (CIT) — Garden Crew; Morning star — Registration. The Management Team invests a substantial amount of time meeting with each new Coordinator candidate to assure the continuity of leadership. We request a Letter of Interest from the candidate.

and a letter of support from the current coordinators and or/crew. Upon appointment, we provide them with resources to learn their new role.

Site Management: The Board approved a Water System Capital Improvement project in March. It will improve our water delivery system in 2027. Water Crew is creating a head-end tank farm that will prevent our trucked-in water from having to go through our neighbor's land and, in the off season, provide water reserves for fire suppression. Part of the project requires some trees to be cut along Aero Road. We will mill the trees, and they will be put to use in the venue and benefit the Fair for years to come. We will begin planting trees this spring, summer and fall to mitigate for the trees we need to remove. To ensure that Aero Road remains a visually inspiring section of our property, we will pursue options to create visual barriers. Options could include a fence featuring fun art, new plantings, or other efforts to beautify the area. The new head-end will be plumbed to the current reservoir. Once this is complete the project will move to replacing pipes in the Eight, in segments over the next five years. We will also be installing fiber optic cables with the water lines to improve internet connectivity for the Fair — which is critical safety and communications infrastructure for operations. We expect to start the project in August 2026.

Emerald Ash Borer — Reminder of the Guidelines on Invasive Species and Wood. Invasive species threaten our natural ecosystem and must never be brought on site. Clean camping gear, vehicles, and footwear before coming to the site to prevent spreading seeds of invasive plants. Non-native plants should not be introduced without permission of the Site Manager. To help prevent the invasion of the tree-killing beetle known as the emerald ash borer, and other harmful insects, fungi, and blights (e.g. sudden oak death), ash wood is prohibited, unless previously coordinated with and approved by the OCF Site Manager. Crafters or booth representatives who utilize wood or plants in their products should contact the Site Manager for discussion of environmental safety protocols and best practices. Firewood, plants, soils, woodchips, wooden booth construction materials and decoration materials (excluding de-barked, kiln-dried professionally milled lumber) can be vectors for disease and invasive species. To obtain firewood for burning on-site, please contact Quarter Master or site employees. Additionally, in efforts to prevent the spread of pests and diseases, no firewood is to be taken from the site. Individuals observed bringing firewood from offsite or removing firewood from the site are subject to confiscation of firewood. Regarding invasive species and harmful fungi and blights, please inspect materials, products, clothing, shoes and vehicles for potential invasive insects and seeds and remove any potential vectors from relevant items before coming to the Fair. Wooden pallets may also carry invasive species or be heavily treated with chemicals. Thereby, wood pallets are not to be brought to site for use in campgrounds, other personal uses, or for firewood. Operations will coordinate the removal of wooden pallets brought to site via product delivery as they arrive.

Marketing: Afton ticket sales update: 7,627 total tickets have been sold so far: 2,827 for Friday, 2,936 for Saturday and 1,864 for Sunday. And 1,415 three-day passes have sold. Tickets change to full price on June 16. There is big news about Main Stage coming soon. Tickets may be purchased at the Eugene office. Tickets will be sold on Mondays and Tuesdays only of each week, from noon to 4 pm. The last day to purchase tickets through the Eugene office will be Tuesday, June 23.

2026 Contracts: The LTD 2026 Contract is approved by the Federal Transportation Administration; contract will be signed in the next couple of days. All other contracts are signed, and we are ready to put on the 2026 Fair!

2026 Permits: All Lane County Camping Permits are approved. Lane County Outdoor Assembly permit: Far Side is pending. Lane County right-of-way permit is pending. The ODOT right-of-way permit is approved.

Treasurer's Report

(YouTube video: 0:40:50)

Hilary: Staff are so busy. Kirsten is so busy that Hilary is amazed Kirsten didn't mention accounting, which she is busy with, too. The accountants are about to start the 990 and financial statement filings. Many of you have heard me thank all the staff and volunteers who handle Fair money, inventory, supplies, and equipment in a responsible way that contributes to the strength of our community, event and organization. The skills and ethical actions of these people have been vital to the Fair. That said, we still have an internal control system.

Our internal controls, things like numbered inventory items, reconciliations, budgets, and other checks and balances, help us communicate to one another that we are handling our duties in a straightforward manner. Our internal control system, like our financial system, like our organization, changes over time, and sometimes needs some updating. We have a draft document of our internal controls that was fairly accurate in 2019 and now needs updating before it can be adopted.

The motion I have recommended to the Board is a portion of our overall internal controls and is meant to address how we follow up if there is an alleged misappropriation of assets detected or reported. A misappropriation of assets could be embezzlement, larceny, or other theft of cash, equipment, supplies or inventory. Over the past 30 plus years, I am aware of around half a dozen instances that OCF has acted on, and about as many again that no one was brought in to help resolve. So we are not talking big numbers, but I do think we should be prepared to follow up properly. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer, and the Executive Director to oversee our Internal Control system. That oversight includes seeing that fraud and theft is handled properly.

The motion that I have proposed does a few things:

1. It specifies that reports go to the Board to support their oversight role.
2. It specifies that people who report, or are the subject of reports, have some protections.
3. It describes a process that is intended to sort low-level problems out from a problem that may be material or systemic.
4. It outlines that the ED will manage follow-up procedure and oversee any investigation; and specifies that other members of management do not take lead roles in follow-up. This is to comply with accounting best practices that specify that managers are too close to those they manage to conduct an impartial investigation.
5. It requires documentation.

I realize that this process may need fine-tuning. If we have the need to use it, we should evaluate it and rewrite it if necessary. I hope we don't have occasion to use it. I am not proposing this policy to instigate a change in how we look at materiality, or to embark on a quest to find fraud. I hope it is just one more tool we have, just in case. With this in the books, I expect to go

back to sharing the wonder and joy I have that this community has so many people who act in the best interest of keeping us together.

While doing background for the proposal, I looked at the Whistleblower policy as stated in the Community support documents, which says we use the Federal Whistler Blower protection Act. That protects employees who report waste, fraud and abuse. We have volunteers as well as employees. We are concerned with both laws and guidelines. At least one Back Up Manager is working on refinements to our whistleblower policy. In the meantime, this policy is meant to offer some protections to whistleblowers by pressing pause on removing them from their positions or finalizing mediation type actions until this process makes a determination about the reports. We still need to establish what types of protections we can offer to non-employees. While this proposal was in draft, a Board member asked me “does this mean that a coordinator who finds a crew person stealing food vouchers cannot fire them at once?” Yes. Everyone gets a hearing. Very few cases are cut and dry. This process seeks a collaborative approach to follow up for reports of misappropriation of assets.

Committee and Working Group Reports

Committees should send their reports to Vanessa (vanessa@oregoncountryfair.org), to be posted on the .net site and included in the Board packet.

Committee Best Practices Committee met on April 16, 2026, and the minutes are here: https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-man-ager/2026/04/04162026_cbpc_minutes.pdf.

Committee Best Practices Committee met on March 30, 2026, and the minutes are here: https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-man-ager/2026/04/03302026_cbpc_minutes.pdf.

Committee Best Practices Committee met January 21, 2026, and the minutes are here: https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-man-ager/2026/04/01122026_cbpc_minutes.pdf.

Fixed Assets Committee met March 24, 2026, and the minutes are here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2026/04/Fixed-Assets-Committee-Meeting-Minutes-3-24-26.pdf>.

Fixed Assets Committee met February 23, 2026, and the minutes are here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2026/04/Fixed-Assets-Committee-Meeting-Minutes-2-23-26.pdf>.

Fixed Assets Committee met January 19, 2026, and the minutes are here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2026/04/Fixed-Assets-Committee-Meeting-Minutes-1-19-26.pdf>.

Fixed Assets Committee met May 26, 2025, and the minutes are here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2026/04/Fixed-Assets-Committee-Meeting-Minutes-5-26-25.pdf>.

Fixed Assets Committee met October 27, 2025, and the minutes are here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2026/04/Fixed-Assets-Committee-Meeting-Minutes-10-27-25.pdf>.

Fixed Assets Committee met November 24, 2025, and the minutes are here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2026/04/Fixed-Assets-Committee-Meeting-Minutes-11-24-25.pdf>.

The Board approved the committee reports by unanimous consent.

Old Business

(YouTube video: 0:49:01)

Policy and procedure for follow-up to the report or detection of an Internal Control breakdown (AJ Jackson, Sandra Bauer, Teresa Vaughn, Zahra Indigo Ronlov, Lawrence “LT” Taylor, Jon Steinhart, Paxton Hoag and John Govsky)

Sandra moved and Jon Steinhart seconded to approve OCF Policy and procedure for follow-up to an Internal Control breakdown involving non-employee participants.

This policy is specific to situations in which:

1. There is thought to be an Internal Control Breakdown that may have resulted in a material, deliberate misappropriation of assets;
2. The reported, or suspected, perpetrator is a Fair participant (for example, volunteer, booth person, entertainer), but not a Fair employee;
3. The potential Internal Control Breakdown is either due to the lack of internal control procedures being in place, or the procedures that were in place have been ignored or evaded;
4. The Internal Control Breakdown may have resulted in a material misappropriation of assets, theft, or larceny; falsification of records; and/or resale of Fair inventory at a price above costs;
5. Misappropriations of assets may refer to cash, Fair passes, Fair merchandise, food vouchers, Fair supplies or fixed assets and may involve Fair charge accounts, cash, cash receipts, credit cards, revenue or expenses;
6. The misappropriation may result in losses to either OCF or OCF participants.

Reporting and Detections of Internal Control Breakdowns

The Internal Control system is the combined set of procedures and practices that are implemented to prevent and/or detect fraud including misappropriation of assets and misstated financial reports. Oregon Country Fair uses reconciliations, tracking inventory and assets, budgets, separation of duties, use of outside professionals, tone at the top, authorization for spending, and documentation. With a large, dispersed group of employees and volunteers, and a changing technological and systems environment, widespread participation in reducing and eliminating fraud is critical to our success.

Any individual can make a report of a potential Internal Control breakdown to the Executive Director or Treasurer. People in management, or oversight positions, have the responsibility to convey detailed information to the Executive Director or Treasurer if they detect, or are notified of,

potential breakdowns in Internal Control. The Board of Directors has oversight responsibility for the Internal Control system.

The follow-up of potential breakdown of Internal Control Breakdowns will vary from case to case. The follow-up will include documentation, evaluation, investigation and reporting. While each situation is unique, there will be some common threads. In the case of a report from a volunteer or other non-employee participant, receipt of the report will halt any potential retaliatory action that the involved parties may be taking against one another (for example, loss of crew or booth position). When the Whistle Blower policy is updated, this section will be revised. Until then, the ED will evaluate whether there is an action in process that may trigger protections for the involved parties.

After the initial report/detection, the management of the follow-up will be conducted by the Executive Director and the Treasurer. The ED and Treasurer will make the initial documentation of the potential breakdown, and do a preliminary evaluation of whether the reported event:

- a. Does not appear as a potential Internal Control Breakdown and material misappropriation threat, and why;
- b. Should be either monitored or managed by a change to the Internal Control procedures and why;
- c. Appears to be isolated and small scale (for example, the theft of a wristband or tool). Those cases should be documented by the ED. Follow-up may involve a warning, probation, or suspension. (Note: Booth reps, as business owners, have autonomy from Fair process in handling misappropriation of assets within their businesses. Booth reps should report incidents that involve misappropriation of Fair assets.);
- d. Incidents that appear to be material and/or ongoing, indicate the need for further investigation. A summary of the potential breakdown and next step(s) will be reported to the Board of Directors with no identifying information about the people involved.

Investigations of Cases not Cleared by Initial Evaluation, situation C

1. The ED and Treasurer will compile documents and known information to estimate potential impact and begin to frame a potential investigation. Interviews should be extremely limited at this point. The goal of the initial assessment is to judge:

- a. If the situation has resulted in potential losses that can be calculated or estimated;
- b. What documents and information are relevant and held by whom;
- c. Who are potential sources of information;
- d. Who are potential perpetrators;
- e. What type of expertise to enlist for investigation and inquiry.

2. If the information collected in the preceding step indicates that legal counsel may be hired to press charges and/or attempt to recover potential losses, they will be brought in. Attorneys may take a lead role from that point.

3. If the ED and Treasurer choose to proceed with an internal investigation, the information collected in Step 1 will be supplemented with background information that will allow a third party to investigate efficiently. The ED and Treasurer will collaborate with a third party on a written plan for an investigation; this may be someone from Fair Community Support, an attorney, a human resource professional, an accountant with forensic training or other person with expertise.

(Note: the third party is not to be a member of the management team, as supervisors to the subject of investigations are not appropriate to investigate the subjects.) The ED and Treasurer may help to document/identify:

- a. Descriptions of the system affected;
- b. Records maintained by OCF, Crews, Booth;
- c. Reconciliations of discrepancies;
- d. Internal control gaps/weaknesses;
- e. People who may be able to provide eyewitness interviews. Generally, investigations should be conducted by experts, possibly an attorney, a forensic accountant, or HR professional.

4. Investigations are to be conducted with a written plan and involvement of the third party. Information gathered by the investigation will be assembled into a report to be reviewed by the Board, ED and Treasurer. The Board will receive minimal identifying information to protect the identities of the parties involved.

5. Evaluation of the investigation. The ED and Treasurer will determine if further investigation is warranted. The ED and Treasurer will present the Board with a confidential report (withholding identifying information) with the options being considered for follow-up.

Results of the investigation are to assist the Board, ED and Treasurer in evaluating, from high to low, the likelihood of:

- a. A material misappropriation of Fair assets;
- b. The identity of a perpetrator;
- c. If internal controls were in place that were evaded;
- d. If Internal controls/systems should be redesigned and/or duties reassigned;
- e. If the initial assessments of loss and need to involve a lawyer should be reconsidered.

If the investigation indicates a strong possibility of a misappropriation of assets with a low expectation of recovery, insurance claim, or lawsuit, the ED and Treasurer may seek legal advice if there is a person, or persons, who is identified as having a higher than low likelihood of being a perpetrator of a misappropriation and if the follow-up may include changing the responsible party's duties or position. The ED and Treasurer may also consider if the person who may have violated internal controls and/or misappropriated assets had mismanaged their duties due to a lack of skills or motivation. The ED and Treasurer may consult with members of the management teams, affected crew, booth, or other affected parties in implementing a response. The ED and Treasurer will also consider improvements to the Internal Controls that will do more to detect and/or prevent the type of fraud that presented the risk.

All parties involved in the follow-up process are to use a restrictive need-to-know approach that keeps reporter and informant information secure.

If the process results in legal actions, the process may involve sharing names of a suspected perpetrator with the Board of Directors. In cases resolved in other ways, the identity of the person(s) who are the subject of an investigation will be guarded.

6. A final report will be made to the Board of Directors.

Hilary: If someone reports theft or breakdown of internal controls, please direct it upward to the ED or the Treasurer. The first step is evaluating what is alleged. Maybe everything is resolved

at that level. If the scale of the action means that it needs to go deeper, the ED can enlist the help of an investigator. The investigator could be an attorney if it was significant. After the investigation, should we hire legal advice about it? If the person makes the report, do they have whistleblower protection? This is not about Guideline violations, this is possible law breaking. Before it becomes a legal issue, this would help us make careful decisions and provide oversight by the Board. It's rather dense. It's on the website for review. Over time we could refine the writing.

Trevor: This is a good foundation from which to start. We can adjust in the future based on implementation. Great work, Hilary.

Jon Steinhart: This is a good thing to do. Hilary has calmed his worries about it. We haven't done a good job of protecting people who have raised issues in the past and that is important at our scale.

LT: He supports this. He appreciates Hilary's comments about the general idea of due process. Due process is the right to have rights. He appreciates knowing there will be further work on this. Help him understand the Section 5 sentence.

Hilary: If there won't be legal action because it was a small amount of money or there isn't enough evidence, but if investigators are pretty sure that something is awry, we should talk to an attorney before taking action.

Felicia: Section 4 note should be moved to section 3.

Sandra: This is a big step forward and provides safeguards for us. Policies don't always work out as intended. Paying attention to that is baked in. This is an excellent policy, and we'll see how it works.

AJ moved and Felicia seconded to do a friendly amendment to move the Note (second sentence, only what's in parentheses) in section 4 to section 3, the second to the last sentence before the bulleted list a, b, c and d.

Sandra and Jon Steinhart approved the friendly amendment.

Indigo: Hopefully we don't ever need to use this, and nobody takes advantage of the inventory, assets or each other.

LT: Good thinking, Felicia. The placement of that note is spot on. That's the kind of skill we look for on the Bylaws Committee.

The motion passed: 11-0.

(YouTube video 1:05:01)

Direct the Committee Best Practices Committee to work with Board Committees, Work Groups, and Task Forces to develop recommendations in regards to committee member renewals, to ensure committee member transitions are smooth and equitable, and to address potential challenges with or within committees. The CBPC will submit their recommendations to the Board of Directors for inclusion in the BoD packet by Wednesday, September 16, 2026, with the understanding that the work may be completed sooner or may need more time to finalize the recommendations (Zahra Indigo Ronlov, Sandra Bauer, Paxton Hoag, Lawrence "LT" Taylor, John Govsky)

AJ moved and Indigo seconded to direct the Committee Best Practices Committee to work with Board Committees, Work Groups, and Task Forces to develop recommendations in regard

to committee member renewals, to ensure committee member transitions are smooth and equitable, and to address potential challenges with or within committees. The CBPC will submit their recommendations to the Board of Directors for inclusion in the BoD packet by Wednesday, September 16, 2026, with the understanding that the work may be completed sooner or may need more time to finalize the recommendations.

Indigo: The Committee Best Practices Committee (CBPC) held an open discussion meeting on March 30 and April 16, with attendance from members of many committees and BoD members, as well as sent out an informal survey. On April 27, the findings were reviewed and this report was approved by the CBPC. The overall desire that was expressed was that further discussion about all of this between and among committees was the right direction to go and that there is no rush. The CBPC recommends that the initial motion is withdrawn from the agenda and that the motion on the floor is considered. They felt like September 16 is very fast, considering there aren't very many of them and they have other things on their plate at the moment, but they are going to try to meet the deadline. Thanks to Jon Steinhart for withdrawing the three-year appointment motion.

Sandra: There is no policy involved in this. This gives the committee time to do their best work. She supports it.

Jon Steinhart: Board Committees were mentioned in the motion. He is confused about which are Operational Committees vs. Board Committees (some appear to be both), but he will support the motion.

Steven Berkson: Any Board Committee is one where the Board appoints the members.

John Govsky: CBPC is a small but mighty committee and we have given them a big job. He appreciates their work.

LT: He sent a letter of interest to join the committee and he is ready to assist with the work.

AJ: He knows that the CBPC is small but there are often Board members in the room participating too, as they should.

Indigo: CBPC is using the list of Board Committees that was given to them. The ED can adopt those policies for the Operational Committees, too.

Paxton: He thinks this is standard practice. This route will involve more people, which is what we should do.

Indigo: We do need participation, please show up at our meetings.

The motion passed: 11-0.

New Business

(YouTube video: 1:13:40)

Grant Ratification and Conflict Disclosure Process (Teresa Vaughn, Trevor Ross, John Davis, Jon Steinhart, Sandra Bauer, AJ Jackson and Felicia Kirsch)

The Board adopts the following process, beginning in 2027, for ratifying funding recommendations made by its philanthropic committees and any Board-appointed committee or work group authorized to recommend distributions of Oregon Country Fair funds.

1. Committee Processes

Committees review applications and develop funding recommendations through their established processes. Each committee shall maintain a written description of its grant review process, to be included in its annual report.

2. Conflict of Interest

Committee members participating in funding recommendations must follow Oregon Country Fair's conflict-of-interest standards, as set forth in this motion. Members are required to disclose any potential conflicts related to applicants. All committee members shall complete a conflict-of-interest disclosure form.

For grantmaking purposes, a conflict of interest exists if a committee member or their close family member:

1. Is a Board member or staff member of an organization applying for or receiving funds
2. Receives compensation or financial benefit from an applicant or funded organization
3. Helped write, prepare, or submit a grant application under consideration

Disclosure forms must be submitted in advance of committee deliberations. The Board shall review disclosed conflicts, determine whether a conflict exists, and approve an appropriate resolution — such as recusal or other mitigation — by vote in closed session prior to deliberations. The Board shall record that conflicts were addressed, without public discussion of details.

3. Ratification Process

Committees shall submit a list of recommended recipients and a total funding amount or cap for Board ratification. Final allocation amounts to individual recipients within that cap shall be determined by the committee.

As part of its fiduciary oversight, the Board shall review the recommendations to determine whether they support Oregon Country Fair's charitable purposes and do not support non-charitable purposes or provide impermissible private benefit. Oregon Country Fair's charitable purposes include educational, environmental, cultural, and community-benefit activities, consistent with its governing documents and established practices. The Board shall not publicly re-evaluate or debate the merits of individual funding recommendations.

A motion to ratify funding recommendations shall be submitted for placement on the Board's consent calendar.

4. Board Review

The Board shall not publicly re-evaluate or debate the merits of individual funding recommendations.

Rationale (for clarity; not part of the adopted policy)

This process is designed to support two core Board responsibilities:

1. Making conflict-of-interest determinations related to grantmaking, and
2. Ratifying funding recommendations developed by committees.

It reflects prior discussions with committees and is intended to:

1. Minimize public discussion of applicants by encouraging questions and concerns to be addressed in advance
2. Provide a clear communication pathway between the Board and committees
3. Ensure committees have an opportunity to respond to questions before ratification
4. Distinguish conflict-of-interest considerations from questions of mission alignment
5. Provide for advance conflict review with confidentiality maintained

6. Preserve committee authority to determine final allocations within an approved funding cap
7. Improve timing and efficiency by using a consent calendar
8. This proposal reflects extensive discussion and revision and is intended to establish a clear and workable process going forward.

Adopt the following Special Rule of Order establishing the use of a Consent Calendar (Teresa Vaughn, Trevor Ross, John Davis, Jon Steinhart, Sandra Bauer, AJ Jackson and Felicia Kirsch):

1. Establishment of Consent Calendar

The Board shall include a Consent Calendar as a standing item on every meeting agenda.

2. Purpose

The Consent Calendar is intended to allow the Board to consider and approve routine, non-controversial items efficiently in a single action without discussion.

3. Eligible Items

Items appropriate for inclusion on the Consent Calendar may include, but are not limited to:

- Committee reports
- Workgroup reports
- Approval of minutes
- Routine or administrative matters
- Agenda approval
- Approval of new committee member appointments
- Other items deemed appropriate by the agenda-setting body

4. Procedure for Adoption

The Consent Calendar shall be presented to the Board, and the presiding officer shall ask whether any member objects to adopting the Consent Calendar.

5. Removal of Items

Any Board member may request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Removal of an item shall not require a motion or vote.

Any single objection is sufficient to remove an item.

Removed items shall be considered separately under the appropriate section of the agenda.

6. Approval

If there are no objections, the Consent Calendar shall be adopted in a single motion or by unanimous consent, and all items contained within it are approved.

Flexibility

The Board may revise the contents or procedures of the Consent Calendar by subsequent motion.

Appoint Bethany Fandino, Anne Olivia Eldred, Warren Brown, and Miranda Marris to the Elections Committee (Trevor Ross, Lawrence "LT" Taylor, Sandra Bauer, Paxton Hoag and AJ Jackson)

Revise the September 8, 2025, Amended and Restated By-Laws as follows (Jon Steinhart, Sandra Bauer, Felicia Kirsch, Kevin Levy, John Davis and AJ Jackson)

ARTICLE I. NAME, OFFICE, MAILING ADDRESS

The name of the corporation shall be The Oregon Country Fair (hereinafter "the OCF"). Its registered office and mailing address shall be 442 Lawrence Street, Eugene, Oregon 97401, or such other office or mailing address as established by the Board of Directors (hereinafter "the Board").

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the OCF shall be to sponsor The Oregon Country Fair (hereinafter "the Fair"), which shall be an annual event intended to educate and inform the public about choices in personal and community lifestyle through the promotion and preservation of the work of individual crafts persons, artists, artisans, musicians, and performers; displays in a traditional fair setting; psychospiritual rejuvenation; and the creation of a public forum encouraging the exchange and discussion of ideas about alternative community organization, use of economic resources and appropriate technology; as well as any other lawful purpose within the scope of Sections 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III. DATE OF THE FAIR

The Fair shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall determine.

ARTICLE IV. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the OCF shall be the calendar year, or such other fiscal year as set by the Board.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERS

1. **Membership.** There shall be one class of members, all of whom shall have the same rights and obligations with respect to the OCF. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, certain early members of the OCF made donations or loans to the OCF to enable it to purchase the property on which the Fair is held, and those members shall have the honorary title of "Charter Members." Such title shall not grant them any different rights from any other member.

2. **Eligibility and Admission.**

a. Any individual is eligible for membership if the individual ~~is registered with the OCF and~~ has received either a wristband, other Fair camping pass, or verifiable worker day pass in one of the three previous Fairs, or is a verified elder in accordance with OCF Elders policy.

b. Members are not required to pay any membership fee.

~~e. It is the responsibility of each member to file an initial registration form with the OCF. Eligible individuals may apply for membership. It is the responsibility of each member to keep their contact information up-to-date with the OCF, and to promptly notify the Membership Secretary of any changes in the member's preferred contact information (which may be a street address, a mailing address, or an electronic address) for notices and other messages from the Fair. The OCF shall direct all notices required pursuant to these Bylaws, the~~

~~Articles of Incorporation, or Oregon law to each member using the most current information provided to the Membership Secretary.~~

~~d. Registration forms may be submitted~~ Membership application may be performed online if the Board so provides.

3. **Dividends, Earnings.** No dividends or earnings of the OCF shall be payable to members, nor shall members have any interest in the assets of the OCF by virtue of being members. The OCF may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered by members and authorize reimbursement for expenses incurred by members on behalf of the OCF.

4. **Dissolution.** Upon dissolution or liquidation of the OCF, all assets remaining after payment of the debts and liabilities of the OCF shall be distributed to such other organizations exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as designated by the Board. However, the OCF may not transfer or convey assets as part of a dissolution until 30 days after the OCF has notified the Oregon Attorney General, in accordance with the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act, or until the Attorney General, in writing, has consented to the transfer or conveyance or indicates that the Attorney General will not take action with respect to the transfer or conveyance, whichever is earlier.

5. **Termination, Suspension, or Expiration of Membership.**

a. **Resignation.** An individual may resign their membership at any time by delivering a written notice of resignation to the ~~Membership Secretary~~ OCF.

b. **Suspension or termination.** Membership may be suspended or terminated for failure to:

~~i. meet the conditions for membership as provided in Section 2(a) of this Article; or~~

~~i. vote in at least one membership meeting or action by written ballot every three years;~~

~~or~~

i. comply with these Bylaws or other rules, resolutions, and policies of the OCF;

or

ii. for actions contrary to the interest of the OCF.

c. In the case of suspension or termination of membership, the OCF shall give the member notice, in accordance with the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act, not less than 15 days before the effective date of the suspension or termination. The notice shall state the reason(s) for the suspension or termination and shall also specify a time and place at which the member will be provided an opportunity to be heard, orally or in writing, not less than five days before the effective date of the suspension or termination. The Board or its designee shall hold the hearing and then decide the issue of suspension or termination.

d. Members who are excluded from OCF property in accordance with OCF Guidelines or whose volunteer position or status is terminated or suspended shall not lose eligibility or membership under Section 2 of this Article solely by virtue of failure to participate as a volunteer, worker, performer, or booth participant in any Fair from which such member has been excluded or not allowed to participate in such member's previous assignment.

e. Expiration of Membership. If a member fails to participate in the Fair at least once in three (3) consecutive years as required in Article V, Section 2(a), of these Bylaws, or if a member fails to vote in at least one Fair membership meeting or action in three (3) consecutive years, then member's membership shall expire automatically and without notice to the member.

Upon expiration of membership, the former member may reapply for membership in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of these Bylaws.

6. Rights of Membership.

a. **Voting.** All members who have been members for at least 30 days prior to the date of ~~a membership meeting or an~~ action by ~~written~~ ballot shall be entitled to cast one vote on any issue brought before the membership. Members shall vote to elect the Board, remove a Director, amend the Articles of Incorporation as provided in the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act (the "Act"), and on all other matters for which a membership vote is required by the Act and by these Bylaws. In addition, members shall have the right to vote on advisory resolutions concerning any other matter to come before the membership.

b. **Information.** Members shall be entitled to be informed on Board actions and corporate operations in accordance with the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act. Such information will be posted on the OCF's web site.

c. **Board Actions.** At any regular business meeting of the Board (as defined in article VIII, section 2) members may be present. A member may also present proposals and suggestions to the Board and advocate their acceptance. In the event a member wishes to be heard at a Board meeting, the member shall schedule the matter to be discussed with the Recording Secretary. As far as is practical, the matter shall be addressed not later than two Board meetings from the time the member notifies the Recording Secretary. A member may ask the Board to reconsider its decisions by scheduling the matter with the Recording Secretary as provided above.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS

1. **Annual Membership Meetings.** An annual meeting of the members shall be called by the Board at a date to be fixed by the Board, but in no case later than October 15. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to present the members with a financial statement for the fiscal year then ending, and to consider any other business that the Board may determine to be appropriate. Agendas for the annual meeting shall be set 55 days prior to the meeting.

2. **Annual Elections.** An annual election ("Annual Election") shall be called by the Board of Directors at a date to be fixed by the Board, but in no case sooner than one week after the Annual Meeting nor later than October 30. The purpose of the election shall be to elect new Directors to the Board, to vote on Bylaw changes that require member approval or ratification, and to vote on advisory petitions.

Advisory resolutions may be placed on the Annual Election ballot upon the petition of 100 or more members by presenting the petition to the Membership Secretary by July 31 or at such earlier time as the Board may designate. Petitions must include member signatures with the name also legibly printed and the member's Fair affiliation.

The Annual Election shall be conducted by ~~written~~ ballot in lieu of a membership meeting as provided in the Act, with ballots issued to all members via mail or other means as the Board may provide. The results of the election shall be certified by the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer(s) within five days of the deadline for the return of ballots.

3. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the members may be called from time to time by the Board and shall be called by the Membership Secretary upon petition of 100 or more members describing the purpose(s) for which the meeting is to be held. The time and place of any special

meeting shall be set by the Membership Secretary, provided that all such meetings shall take place in Lane County, Oregon, and further, that notice of such a meeting must be given within 30 days after the petition is delivered to the Membership Secretary. The date of the meeting must be set within 30 days after the date on which notice is given. In the case of a special meeting, notice shall be required as set forth in Section 4 below. The business of any special meeting shall be limited to those matters set forth in the notice. In the case that the purpose of a special meeting is limited to a vote on the removal of a Director or Directors, advisory petitions, and/or approving or ratifying Bylaw changes, the Membership Secretary shall cause action to be taken by ~~written~~ ballot in accordance with the Act in lieu of convening a special meeting.

4. **Notice.** ~~Written n~~Notice of membership meetings and Annual Elections or other actions by ~~written~~ ballot shall be ~~posted on the OCF's web site sent to each member using their most recent contact information (which may be a street address, a mailing address, or an electronic address) currently registered in the records of the OCF~~ not less than seven nor more than 60 days before the date set for the meeting, Annual Election, or other action by ~~written~~ ballot. ~~It shall be the responsibility of the member to provide the Membership Secretary with current contact information. In lieu of sending notice, notice may be published in at least two issues of a newsletter or similar document sent to members using their most recent contact information.~~

5. **Quorum.** Two hundred members present in person or by proxy at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum except at the annual meeting, where those members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum.

6. **Voting.** All members are voting members. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all members ~~present at meetings~~ shall be entitled to vote, ~~and the Board may make provisions for absentee balloting.~~ There shall be no cumulative voting. Except as otherwise set forth in these Bylaws, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes represented and voting shall be required for the adoption of any matter coming before the membership.

7. **Membership Lists.** Members who desire to send written communications to other members concerning any membership meeting, Annual Election, or other action by ~~written~~ ballot may request the OCF to send such communication to all members entitled to vote at the meeting, Annual Election, or other action by ~~written~~ ballot. The request shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the principal offices of the OCF not earlier than two business days after the date that notice of the meeting, Annual Election, or other action by ~~written~~ ballot is given, and not less than five business days before the scheduled date of the meeting, Annual Election, or other action by ~~written~~ ballot. The request must be accompanied by payment, in cash or certified check, of the anticipated costs of mailing the communication, as determined by the lead professional of the OCF. Costs may include postage, copying costs, envelopes, and the estimated cost of staff time to mail the notice.

~~8 Proxies. Subject to such limitations and rules as may be established by the Board or the Elections Committee, a member may cast a ballot at a membership meeting or in connection with membership action by written ballot in lieu of a meeting by appointing the Membership Secretary of the Fair as proxy to vote for the member. Such proxy appointments shall be personally signed by the member, shall be effective only for the particular meeting or action by written ballot in lieu of a meeting for which given, and shall specify with particularity the member's votes. Proxy appointments must~~

~~be submitted on forms approved by the Elections Committee, and may be submitted either in paper form or by email. Proxy appointment shall be available for all matters for which membership votes or such advisory votes as the Board may designate from time to time are entitled to be cast. A proxy appointment is effective when received by the Membership Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes. A proxy appointment is revocable by the member, and is revoked if the member making the proxy appointment:~~

- ~~a. Attends the meeting for which it is given and votes in person, if the proxy is given for a membership meeting; or~~
- ~~b. Signs and delivers to the Membership Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes either a written statement that the proxy appointment is revoked, or a subsequent proxy appointment.~~

8. **Elections Committee.** The Board shall appoint an Elections Committee and make other provisions to ensure fair and accurate balloting at Annual Elections, other actions by ~~written~~ ballot, and membership meetings.

ARTICLE VII. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. **Powers.** The activities, affairs, and property of the OCF shall be managed and directed, and its powers exercised by and vested in, the Board. The Board is authorized to perform whatever acts appear reasonably necessary or convenient to further the interest of the OCF. Such powers include, but are not limited to, the following: creating committees and appointing committee members; entering into contracts; purchasing, leasing, or otherwise acquiring real and personal property; borrowing money; hiring employees and consultants; investing funds; and promulgating and enforcing rules for participation in the Fair and the OCF.

2. **Qualifications, Number, Elections, Terms, Votes:**

a. **Qualifications:** Any member of the OCF in good standing pursuant to Article V, Section 2(a) and who is at least 18 years of age is eligible to serve on the Board.

b. **Number:** The Board shall consist of no less than nine and no more than twelve directors. The number of directors may vary from time to time by resolution of the Board.

c. **Elections:** Members may vote for as many Directors as there are open seats on the Board of Directors. Only one vote per member may be assigned to an individual candidate. Ballots that reflect votes for more candidates than the number of open seats on the Board of Directors shall be disqualified. The votes shall be counted first to fill the three-year Board positions. If, during the balloting period, one or more additional Board vacancies occur or one or more candidates who would otherwise win a Directorship in the election cease their candidacy for any reason, then the candidate from the election with the next highest number of votes will be appointed to fill the first such position, the candidate with the next following highest number of votes will be appointed to fill the second such position, and so on. Tie votes shall be resolved by drawing straws.

d. Incumbent Directors whose positions are not scheduled to be filled at an election may run for election to the Board at such election provided that upon submission of a candidate statement, acceptance of a nomination, or public announcement of candidacy, whichever occurs first, the incumbent candidate shall be deemed to have irrevocably resigned their incumbent Director position. The resignation shall be effective at the commencement of the first Board meeting following the annual membership meeting.

e. **Term:** Each Director shall serve for three years or until their resignation or removal, whichever occurs first. These three-year terms shall be staggered, with one third of total seats to be filled by a vote of the membership each year. The term of office of newly- elected Directors shall be effective when the election is certified by the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer(s).

3. **Removal of Directors.** A Director may be removed from office, with or without cause, only by a vote of the membership at a special meeting called for the purpose of removing the Director and pursuant to the requirements of notice as set forth in Article VI, Section 3. The Board may suspend a Director with or without cause (requiring the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors) for a maximum of 60 days or until voted on, as provided in this article. The Director in question shall be excluded from such a vote. If a Director misses three Board meetings in a row, the Board may declare that seat vacant by a two-thirds vote. Members who wish to remove a Director must submit a petition as provided in Article VI, Section 2 for special meetings. Petitions must include each member's signature, legibly printed name, and OCF affiliation. A Director may be removed by the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast on that issue.

4. **Vacancies.** Whenever the number of Directors shall for any reason be less than the number authorized, the vacancies may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors. The Board is authorized to fill the vacancy even if the number of remaining Directors is less than the number necessary for a quorum under other provisions of these Bylaws. Vacancies shall be filled at a meeting where prior notice of the matter has been given in the agenda. The term of office of any Director appointed under this section shall be until the next Annual Election, at which time the seat shall be filled by a vote of the membership.

5. **Committees.** The Board may appoint committees and delegate such authority to the committees as it deems necessary, proper, or convenient for the effective, lawful, and beneficial operation of the OCF. Any committees so appointed shall report to the Board or to such other persons or committees as the Board may designate. The Board shall remain responsible for ensuring that committee functions are properly performed.

6. The Board shall appoint an employee or employees who shall be the lead professional(s) of the OCF and who will be responsible for all operations thereof. The Board will hire, evaluate, decide on salary increases and, if necessary, terminate the contract with such professional(s).

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. **Annual Board Meeting.** An annual meeting of the Board shall be held at such time as shall be determined by the Recording Secretary within thirty days after the Annual Election. The purpose of this meeting shall be to review the status of the OCF, to elect Officers, and to perform whatever acts appear reasonably necessary to further the interest of the OCF.

2. **Regular Business Meetings.** There shall be a regular business meeting of the Board on the first Monday of every month, unless otherwise specified in the Board agenda.

3. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and two Directors or by five Directors with appropriate notice as provided in Section 4 of this Article. These meetings may either be open to members or be closed to all except the Board, consultants, witnesses, and such other persons as the Board may invite. No votes shall be taken in closed session other than for the purpose of personnel, real estate, or legal matters.

4. **Notice.** Written notice for the annual meeting and regular or special business meetings of the Board shall be delivered by hand, by mail, or by email to each Director at the address currently entered into the records of the OCF. Such notice shall be given not less than seven nor more than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting and shall set forth the time and place of the meeting. It is the responsibility of each individual Director to provide the Recording Secretary with correct mailing and email addresses. A Director may waive notice of any meeting of the Board by submitting a written waiver of notice to the Recording Secretary. Attendance of a Director at any meeting of the Board shall also constitute waiver of notice unless the Director, at the beginning of the meeting or promptly on the Director's arrival, objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to any action taken at the meeting.

5. **Emergency Meetings.** In addition to regular business meetings set out in Section 2 of this Article, it is anticipated that emergency meetings of the Directors may be required during the production of the Fair. For purposes of this section, the production of the Fair includes the two months preceding the Fair, the actual dates of the Fair, and the month following the Fair. The Recording Secretary will give at least four hours' notice of each such meeting. Directors shall have an affirmative duty to be easily available to receive notice.

6. **Quorum.** A majority of the number of Directors in office immediately before a Board meeting begins, but in any case, no fewer than six Directors, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at that meeting.

7. **Voting.** The affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the Directors present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be an act of the Board. No action shall be taken by the Board without a meeting. For purposes of this section, abstentions shall not be counted as votes.

8. **Policy of Decision-Making.** It shall be the express policy of the OCF that all regular business meetings be open to members and that, in acting on any matter before it, the Board shall give due consideration to the opinions and desires expressed by those members present.

ARTICLE IX: OFFICERS

1. **Officers.** Officers of the OCF shall be four: a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any Officer position may be shared by one or more persons at the discretion of the Board.

2. **Election/Term.** The Officers are to be elected by the Board at its annual Board meeting or in the event that an office becomes vacant at any other time of year. Each Officer shall serve until the next annual Board meeting or until their death, resignation, or removal.

3. **Recording and Membership Secretaries.** The responsibilities of the Secretary shall be such as are consistent with the duties enumerated below and shall be shared by the Recording Secretary and the Membership Secretary. In the event that one of the Secretary positions is not filled, the duties of that Secretary shall be performed by one Secretary or their designee(s).

a. The responsibilities of the Recording Secretary shall be as follows: to keep a current book of records containing the minutes of all meetings of the OCF, a copy of the Certificate and Articles of Incorporation, a copy of the Bylaws, and the names and addresses of the Directors and Officers; to select a date for the annual Board meeting and to give notice of all meetings as required by the Bylaws except as provided in Subsection (b) of this Section; to be responsible for the recording of minutes and to provide each Director with a copy thereof; to be a member of the Elections Committee; and to maintain current address(es) in the name of the OCF.

b. The responsibilities of the Membership Secretary shall be as follows: to keep a roll of the members and submitted petitions; to select a date for and give notice of special meetings of the members as set forth in Article VI, Section 2; ~~to act as a proxy for members electing to appoint a proxy in accordance with Article VI, Section 7;~~ to certify the results of the Annual Election and any other action by ~~written~~ ballot, and to be a member of the Elections Committee.

4. **Treasurer.** The responsibilities of the Treasurer shall be as follows: to keep accurate and complete records of the receipts and disbursements of the OCF; to make such records accessible to the members upon reasonable notice; to supervise and effectuate an annual budget; to supervise a public accountant for the preparation and filing of corporate tax returns; and to prepare a financial report for the annual membership meeting, and to certify the results of the Annual Election and any other action by ~~written~~ ballot. The powers of the Treasurer shall be such as are consistent with the performance of the above enumerated duties.

5. **President.** The President shall be the principal executive officer of the OCF, subject to the control of the Board. The President shall, when present, preside at meetings of the members, or make provision for a facilitator to preside at said meetings. The President may sign, with a Secretary or Treasurer or any other person so authorized by the Board, certificates for memberships, deeds, mortgages, contracts, or other instruments which the Board has authorized to be executed; and shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. The President shall be a duly elected Director.

6. **Vice President.** In the event of the death, resignation, or removal of the President, the Vice President shall become President for the unexpired portion of the President's term. The Vice President shall also have all the authority and powers of the president during any period of time that the Board determines the President to be incapacitated. The Vice President shall be a duly elected Director.

7. **Removal.** Any Officer may be removed with or without cause by a vote of the Board at any meeting where notice has been given to the Board in the manner specified in Article VIII, Section 4, that the matter will be considered.

8. **Resignation.** Any Officer may resign by delivering written notice to the Recording Secretary.

9. **Vacancies.** Any vacancy in an office may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

ARTICLE X: TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS

1. No director or officer of the OCF shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any transaction with the OCF (including but not limited to contracts), unless:

a. the transaction is approved or ratified by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors who have no direct or indirect interest in the transaction (the transaction may not be approved or ratified under this section by a single director); and

b. the material facts of the transaction and the nature of the Director's or Officer's interest have been fully disclosed or are known to the Board prior to consideration of the matter and are determined by the Board to be fair to the OCF.

2. A Director or Officer of the OCF has an indirect interest in a transaction if:

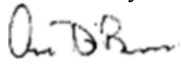
- a. Another entity in which the Director or Officer has a material interest or in which the Director or Officer is an employee or general partner or is a party to the transaction; or
- b. Another entity of which the Director or Officer is a Director, Officer, or trustee is a party to the transaction and the transaction is or should be considered by the Board; or
- c. A person who is related to the Director or Officer, or a business associate of the Director or Officer, is a party to the transaction.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENT

1. Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article, these Bylaws may be amended by an act of the Board at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, provided such notice of intent to amend, together with a copy or summary of the amendment or a statement of the general nature of the amendment, was made at the prior Board meeting and given to all Directors in accordance with Article VIII, Section 4.

2. Notwithstanding Section 1 of this Article, no amendment to Article V, Section 6(a) of these Bylaws pertaining to the voting rights of the membership may be enacted unless such amendment is ratified by the affirmative vote of a majority of the membership at a membership meeting held pursuant to Article VI of these Bylaws.

Amended Bylaws as adopted on September 8, 2025.



(Anna DiBenedetto)

Recording Secretary of the Oregon Country Fair

Next Board Meeting: June 1, 2026 at 7 pm via Zoom

