

**Kathie McWaid, President-** Present  
**Jedidiah Haney, Vice President-** Absent (Unexcused)  
**Theresa Reid, Sgt. Of Arms-** Present  
**Kya Ramirez, Secretary-** Present  
**Paul Longwell, Member-** Present  
**Mike Rendon, Member-** Present  
**Heidi Thomsen, Member-** Present  
**Don Wadsen, Member-** Present  
**Peggy Zimmerman, Member-** Present

## **THURSTON COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

**JANUARY 5TH, 2022**

**ZOOM**

### **AGENDA**

Public ZOOM link to listen to watch/the meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6898352592>

Or dial in: Telephone: 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 689 835 2592

Passcode: 081850

#### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- a. Guests sign up if they wish to speak at the end of the meeting. Five minutes maximum

#### 2. Review of Written Public Communications\*\*

- a. For this virtual meeting, no live public comment will be accommodated. The public is invited to send written comments for the Fair Board to [Kari.bonar@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:Kari.bonar@co.thurston.wa.us) by 12:00 P.M. on January 3rd, 2022. These comments will be provided to the Fair Board.

### 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF: November 3rd, 2021

- a. Peggy moves, Don seconds, the ayes have it, motion passes

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. None

### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Agriculture

- i. None

- b. Promotions

- i. We met at the end of November, 1st order of business was all the parades. We had no participation in any parades due to cancellations. They also talked about doing costumes for animals. There was some interest in participating, but they are holding off on it because we do not know what the fair is going to look like. Ann has presented everything she needs and has for the 1871 Exhibit. Old Time Games will have Cupcake Decorating, Female and Male Nail Driving, Corn Hole, Eggs on the Spoon. For the opening ceremony, they will open the ceremony with the cupcake decorating game. For the mascot they decided to have children decide on the 2023 and 2024 fair. In the 2024 fair, we will have children decide on the 2025 fair and do that each year.

- c. Facilities/Safety

- i. None

- d. Scrapbook/History

- i. They've been taking pictures.

- e. Commercial

- i. None

- f. Still Life

- i. None
- g. Entertainment
  - i. None

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bylaws
  - i. Theresa has not gotten signatures for the 2019 bylaws.
- b. Committee's List
  - i. N/A
- c. Other Old Business
  - i. None

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recruiting New Fair Board Members
  - i. We are down 6 board member with COVID-19 it's been hard
- b. Sponsorships
- c. Other New Business
  - i. Emily Killeen wanted to make sure that we are aware that the North Thurston Public Schools is going to change their calendar to a balanced calendar. This is concerning as we have a wet climate and their summer break will be spread out over a 6 week period. This will be hard because this limits the animal projects aspect of 4-H and if students' w/in NTPS summer break is only 6 weeks long will this affect Thurston County Fair 4-H participation since families might choose to go on vacation during that time. They might not be implementing this until 2023, but getting on it will be nice so we get information and know where we are headed and what needs to be done to prevent losing participation.

## 8. FAIR FOUNDATION REPORT

- a. None

## 9. EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT: Theresa Reid

- a. Starting w/ activities on the FG there was a testing site, but there were so many tests that they hit their max of testing. We are not booking anything on the fairgrounds until there is an official date and we know they are paying. Carnivals have been talked about. Karie talked to Davos Carnival and they gave carnivals located in Montana and Idaho. One was interested, but they would have too long of a trip as they need to be in Missoula right after our fair. The Rainier show was very interesting, but they ended up saying no. As of right now we have no carnival. We got a \$1500 sponsorship from the Port of Olympia. The WA Department of Ag. Grant was applied for and the maximum they give out is \$250,000 and that is \$150,000 more than usual. We were given \$250,000. This will go toward a new Pavillion, but so far we do not have enough money to do this project at this time. An idea was brought up by Peggy, to get non-profit organizations to set up booths that have games and other stuff to at least have activities there for our fair.

Thurston County Fair August 3rd-7th, 2022

**Next Fair Board Meeting February 2nd, 2022**