



Clallam County Parks, Fair & Facilities
Clallam County Fairgrounds
1608 West 16th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98363-6820

September 4, 2024

Please Note:

The September 4, 2024 Fair Advisory Board meeting has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a date to be determined.

Thank you. Shari Ioffrida, Fair Manager



**THE SEPTEMBER 4 FAIR BOARD
MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

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August 28, 2024

To: Clallam County Fair Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Clallam County Fair Board will be held **Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Fair Kitchen** at the Clallam County Fairgrounds. ***This meeting will be recorded on Zoom.***

*****Attention*****

Fair Advisory Board meetings will also be available virtually at:

If you would like to participate in the meeting via Zoom audio only, call 253-215-8782 and use meeting ID: **872 2505 7213** and passcode: **12345**.

If you would like to participate in the meeting via Zoom video conference, visit www.zoom.com and use meeting ID: **872 2505 7213** and passcode: **12345**.

Public comment can be directed to Shari Ioffrida, Fair Manager, at 360-417-2551, 360-565-2610, or shari.ioffrida@clallamcountywa.gov

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Determination of Quorum
- C. Request for Modification/Approval of Minutes
- D. Public Comment on Agenda Items – *Please limit comments to 3 minutes*
- E. Committee Reports
 - 1. Advertising
 - 2. Camping and Parking
 - 3. Information Booth (to be discussed under New Business H.1.)
 - 4. Hospitality House
 - 5. Pacific Northwest Junior Livestock Auction
 - 6. 4-H / WSU Extension
 - 7. Royalty
 - 8. Rodeo – Olympic Peninsula Rodeo Association ("OPRA")
- F. Special Committee Reports
- G. Unfinished Business
- H. New Business
 - 1. Information Booth Fair Merchandise Sales Process
 - 2. Lack of Ribbons at Fair
 - 3. Fair Food
 - 4. Announcing 2025 Clallam County Fair Theme
- I. Staff Reports
 - 1. Manager's Report
 - a. Fair Wrap Up

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2. Director's Report
 - a. Dog and Art Barn Permits
 - b. WSDA Fair Fund Allocation
 - c. ADA Compliance
 - d. Project Safer / Helicopters
 - e. Rodeo Announcer Complaint
 - f. WSFA Fair Convention, October 31-November 2, 2024, Spokane, WA
 - g. Credit Cards at Fair
 3. County Administrator Comments
- J. Other Items
- K. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – *Please limit comments to 3 minutes*
- L. Adjournment

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKING AT A FAIR BOARD MEETING

- Members of the public wishing to address the Board on general items may do so during the designated times on the agenda.
- The Chair may limit the comment period to three minutes for each speaker subject to Board concurrence.
- General comments, applause, or booing from audience members are inappropriate and may result in removal.

These guidelines are intended to promote an orderly system for conducting Board Meetings so that each person has an opportunity to be heard and to ensure that exercising their right of free speech embarrasses no one.

Ioffrida, Shari

From: Crawford, Donald
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 11:49 AM
To: Johnson, Randy; Mielke, Todd
Cc: Ioffrida, Shari
Subject: RE: Rodeo announcer's exclusionary rhetoric

I have received copies of this email from several sources. I forwarded it to the fair manager to communicate with the board and the Olympic Peninsula Rodeo Association—OPRA (AKA Rodeo Committee).

R.Donald Crawford, CGM
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From: Johnson, Randy <randy.johnson@clallamcountywa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 11:36 AM
To: Mielke, Todd <Todd.Mielke@clallamcountywa.gov>
Cc: Crawford, Donald <Donald.Crawford@clallamcountywa.gov>
Subject: FW: Rodeo announcer's exclusionary rhetoric

The Fair Board should be made aware of this issue.

From: LaTrisha Ollom-Suggs <LOsuggs@cityofpa.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 11:09 AM
To: French, Mike <Mike.French@clallamcountywa.gov>; Ozias, Mark <mark.ozias@clallamcountywa.gov>; Johnson, Randy <randy.johnson@clallamcountywa.gov>
Subject: Fw: Rodeo announcer's exclusionary rhetoric

Some people who received this message don't often get email from losuggs@cityofpa.us. [Learn why this is important](#)

I am forwarding an email that the City of Port Angeles received regarding the Clallam County Fair demo derby announcer. I am forwarding my response to him as well. Please forward this to your fair board so

that it can be brought up and corrected so that everyone who attends public events feel welcomed and not be told that if you disagree then you should not be here.

Respectfully
LaTrisha Suggs
City of PA Council Member

From: LaTrisha Ollom-Suggs <LOsuggs@cityofpa.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 11:06 AM
To: Gregory Maust <greg@maust.us>
Subject: Re: Rodeo announcer's exclusionary rhetoric

Gregory,

I am sorry that this happened, I too agree that the rhetoric as you described is not acceptable. Port Angeles is about accepting and respecting everyone, regardless of their ideologies, and when a person is in a role as a public announcer then there should be expectations.

I am sending your email to the county commissioners, and request that they share with the Clallam County Fair Board so that this can be addressed.

I am sorry and I agree with you. The goal should always be to make everyone feel welcome and be respectful regardless of personal opinion.

Freedom of speech is carried out in many ways, one way is through action by choosing too not participate, and the other is through words. Either way needs to be respected, but when placed in a position as a public announcer the goal for a public event, the person needs to leave his personal opinion out of it or choose not to be the announcer.

Respectfully

LaTrisha Suggs

From: Gregory Maust <greg@maust.us>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2024 10:24 AM
To: Mike.French@ClallamCountyWA.gov <Mike.French@ClallamCountyWA.gov>; Randy.Johnson@ClallamCountyWA.gov <Randy.Johnson@ClallamCountyWA.gov>; Mark.Ozias@ClallamCountyWA.gov <Mark.Ozias@ClallamCountyWA.gov>; angela.bronson@clallamcountywa.gov <angela.bronson@clallamcountywa.gov>; Web_Fairgrounds@ClallamCountyWA.gov <Web_Fairgrounds@ClallamCountyWA.gov>
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Subject: Rodeo announcer's exclusionary rhetoric

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I was embarrassed, appalled, and angered by the exclusionary rhetoric the rodeo announcer called out at the 2024 Clallam County Fair on Saturday. An hour before the 5pm show, he went on about how the rodeo is going to honor the flag and "if you don't like that, you might not be in the right place." Then during the intro for the show, referring to the American flag as "the greatest symbol of freedom that the world has ever known" he went off about how "while other sports may kneel" rodeo "honors the flag," etc.

If Jimbob wants to go on about how great he thinks the US and the flag is, that's one thing. But bringing up black lives matter issues - apropos absolutely nothing - and attacking that entire ideology is disgusting. There's no place for it at any public gathering for all people, and there sure as hell isn't a place for it in our town and county. His narrow-mindedness wasn't just offensively stupid, he was literally telling people that didn't agree with him that they shouldn't be at the fair. That is completely unacceptable.

I spent a summer with a show traveling to state and county fairs across several states, and our announcer understood that working a crowd means appealing to all. That we're trying to entertain families and give everyone a good time, not exclude anyone who isn't in the majority, and sure as hell not unnecessarily say incendiary political horseshit to appeal to some vocal hateful minority.

I've been bringing my young daughter to the fair for a few years, and while I expect the culture of the fair to lean a certain way and tolerate that, I will not stand for our community bringing in someone who's going to attack the idea of supporting minorities. It is not okay to tell people that don't agree with you they don't belong there. It is not okay to exclude anyone who isn't a white cishet all-cop-supporting flag-worshipper. And it's just pathetic to do it while standing on the wrong side of history.

Greg Maust

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