

Benton County Fair Board Meeting

Monday June 16th, 2025, 6:00 pm.

Benton County Event Center & Fairgrounds, Auditorium Building.

110 SW 53rd Street, Corvallis OR 97355

Fair Board Members Present: Kristi Schrock Chair, Aurora Jensen Vice chair, Craig Hendrickson, Mark Stephens, Rylee Henderer,

Liaison Present: Pat Malone Commissioner

NAPE Staff: Jesse Ott, Director; Jennifer Martin Fairgrounds Manager, Kerri Sellers Mandelkow Admin Asst

Guests: Morgan Young 2025 BC Queen, Ellie Dyer 4-H Liaisons, CJ Rodeo sponsorship/ Branding

Schrock called the meeting to order at 18:00 hrs.

1. Schrock called for review of Agenda and previous meeting minutes Motion entered to approve by Aurora and second by Rylee. All in favor, no opposes.

2. Citizen Comments – Schrock noted no citizens attending and moved into discussion.

3. Director's/ Fairgrounds Manager's Report:

- Jesse:
 - ◆ Houseless community giving out bathroom codes, camping out in the cul-de-sac, coming back under different names.
 - ◆ Old tree farm being logged for because of homeless camps
 - ◆ Remodel of the livestock building all the permits have been approved, still waiting to hear from Eric and Pete to see if they can finish before fair.
 - ◆ Recap foundation meeting, they had to set aside \$20,000 on contingency for the livestock building needs.
 - ◆ Jennifer posted about the Fair Foundation BBQ dinner on the FB, \$50.00 just for the dinner
- Jennifer:
 - ◆ Make a flyer for 4-H about the Fair Foundation BBQ
 - ◆ Set up a Fair committee for next year's artists, go ahead and get Jackie Roar under contract for next year.
 - ◆ Fair poster
 - ◆ Battle of the bands now have 4 bands competing.
 - ◆ Fair Merchandise on sale on the website
- Other reports
 - ◆ Rodeo: Knife River Donated Sand for the outdoor arena 450 tons, discounted rate truck and transfer. Total amount of donations \$ 14,715.00. Christian from Knife River asked for 350 tickets to the fair, as part of the sponsorship.
 - ◆ Listing Knife River as a presenting Sponsor
 - ◆ Rodeo Committee did some restricting and appointed Meg Walker as Sponsorship and Communications director.
 - ◆ CJ working with Meg skill set for branding and logos
 - ◆ Saddle was ordered for the all-girls rodeo
 - ◆ Applications now being accepted for 2026 Benton County Queen

- CJ's presentation
 - ◆ Freelance graphic designer
 - ◆ Specialize in banding
 - ◆ Advertise the Rodeo Committee as a stand alone
 - ◆ Approval of branding concepts 3 different concepts (1st: State pride, 2nd: Rope it, 3rd: Retro badge)
 - ◆ Making Rodeo Committee matching shirts
 - ◆ Also, for merchandise for the Benton County Rodeo committee

- Morgan's update:
 - ◆ Just got back from the Sister's rodeo
 - ◆ Attended Lebanon Strawberry Festival
 - ◆ Full schedule for the week of 4th of July.

- 4-H
 - ◆ Carolyn asked to have a Foundation member come to a 4-H meeting to talk about the Foundation and the BBQ dinner during the fair.
 - ◆ Ellie 4-H update: YQCA (youth for quality care of animals) mandatory classes to be able to participate in county fairs over 300 people completed this course, focusing on getting ready for fair
 - ◆ Fair registration was closed
 - ◆ Waterfowl is going to be shown this year
 - ◆ Horse fair July 17th through July 20th

Adjournment: 19:16 pm

Next Meeting: August 18th, 2025

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