

Columbia County Fair Board Meeting  
Monday March 11, 2024  
6:30 p.m. Warren Grange Building

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The Columbia County Fair Board met in a scheduled session with Peggy Howell, Butch Guess, Mary Ann Guess, Kassie Bonnell, Ryan Hausner, Brandon Staehely and Henry Heimuller

**CALL TO ORDER**

Peggy called the meeting to order at 6:30

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Darrin Rye – Columbia Co Racing Assoc. He asked about the tree service that was voted on with the old Fair Board. Henry suggested we would probably need a contact with them and they would need the \$2m insurance. He also asked about the contract with the Racing Assoc. if anything had been decided. This will be addressed at the next work session.

Daisy Smith asked about the volunteers this coming year. She will ask the Scappoose Robotics team if they would like to demonstrate at the fair. It's a busy time for her during fair Kassie explained to her what her plans are with the Fair Theme.

Eva reminded that the volunteers will use gate 1 there will be a different group of people. – Ryder bus will be coming in gate 5 and out 5. there will be radios available.

Jacqueline Massey for the Chamber of Commerce is renting the pavilion Mar 23, will have approximately 320 people. They asked to waive Friday fees to set up -It's a Celebration of the businesses in the community, Sunday will pick up 10am – cocktail hr. is at 5 and diners at 6 there will be 40 vendors to set up on stage, - Henry mentioned we had made the decision regarding the ½ day on Friday – Peggy offered to review their agreement and will call them. –

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Henry motion to ratify the bills for February 2024 , Kassie 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed
- B. Ryan moved to approve the February 12, 2024 Board minutes and February 28, 2024 work session minutes. Henry 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**COMMITTEES:**

- A. Rodeo Court Committee – Queen Madison they attended the Miss Rodeo Grey Harbor, WA Lindsay attended the Clark county coronation and the Clackamas County coronation in Camby.  
Auction Committee

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 4-H - - Woody asked when the show barn floor will be done. What the quarter midget schedule is – Peggy hasn't heard anything – Butch spoke with the guy who will build the road back - will need to remove the high center so the horse trailers will be able to come in. Woody received a bid on the cost of pig pens as \$16,000. The Auction committee voted to pay 8 thousand ..will need another 8 thousand. Asked if the price is still \$5.00 for 4-H kids and leaders. – The board will discuss this at the next work session. The extension office wants to have a booth – forester, office run, and Chips replacement. all hours. – pig pens all the show rings that are the property of 4-h program – the new pens – if they are part of the 4-H bldg. – replaced the others – if all the pens belong to the 4-H – Woody said the bid was for 15 pens. The new pens will connect to our current pens.

- 2024 Fair Theme - Kassie said there were 30 entries – She will announce the winner on Face book – The winner is “Sew it, Grow it, Show it” submitted by Daisy Smith.
- Butch mentioned two loads of rock will be needed to build up Gate 5– The outside restrooms are completed with new privacy boards. Along with a hitching post –the little stage will need all three sides replaced. The front is good but put a new gutter – ordered door – post on the back of the pavilion on the corner needs to be replaced. The septic co hasn’t forgotten us and as soon as they are finished with this current project they’ll be out here. Ordered the new boxes for the laterals . – waiting for it to be dry. To get out there
- Mary Ann gave the Treasurer report showing a balance of \$126,452.01.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Henry – mentioned to keep Mandy Coddington in our prayers

Peggy adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm

Pursuant to ORS 192.640 (1), The Columbia County Fair Board reserves the right to consider and discuss, in either open session or Executive Session, additional subjects that may arise after the agenda is published. This is a public meeting except during Executive Sessions.