

Columbia County Fair Board Meeting
Monday April 8, 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, Ryan Hausner, Brandon Staehely and Henry Heimuller

CALL TO ORDER

Peggy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

VISITOR COMMENTS

Les Watters with the Columbia County Museum Assoc is requesting to have the space outside of the ag bldg. again during the fair and also use the inside of the ag bldg. like last year for the other county museums to display also. Henry moved for Les to use the outside and inside the ag bldg. like last year. Butch 2nd. Motion passed. Les also mentioned he has difficulty getting cell service for processing credit card purchases. He has to walk out by the tree. Just wanted to let the board know so they have it on their radar.

Eva mentioned the egg hunt went very well. Doesn't have numbers yet. She really appreciated Robert and Butch helping them.

Eric Cook from the Elks are still working on the numbers and what they can and cannot do regarding walk around. Peggy mentioned OLCC they prefer walk around. They have found there are less intoxicated people. The Elks did point out about people carry into fair. We would need to restrict no containers and probably have to check bags. Henry, Peggy and the Elks are meeting every couple of weeks. It has helped everyone know the problems and what can be done moving forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Henry moved to ratify the bills for March 2024 Branden 2nd – motion passed.

Butch moved to approve the March 11, 2024, Board minutes and March 27, 2024 work session minutes. Ryan 2nd – motion passed. -

COMMITTEES:

- A. Rodeo Committee – Dale Savage has retired and will start working the arena and its plenty wet - .
- B. Rodeo Court Committee – Madison went to Central Point – Lindsay talked about them helping at the Warren grange and were at the Megga Egg hunt. Will be attending the first rodeo next month.
- C. Auction Committee – no show

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Henry mentioned last meeting the auction committee was going to pay half for new pig pens and the fair board would pay the other. Mary Ann mentioned the pens were less and since we had business with this company before, they will be delivered rather than having to pick them up.
- Butch talked about redoing the restrooms and wanting to have it look more western. Peggy is working to have some like of art painted on the building.
- Fair Security- Henry moved to accept the quote from Tactical Patriot Protective Services for the fair, Ryan 2nd – motion passed.
- Maintenance Report – Butch mentioned he laid gravel by Gate 5 for the buses and traffic for egg hunt – Eva mentioned it worked really well.
- Mary Ann gave the Treasurer Report – Currently the fairgrounds has a balance of 136,338.92

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mary Ann mentioned we sent in information to the state regarding lost revenue during COVID. We were expecting around \$55,000. We were told our portion will be \$94,112. Hope to receive it before the end of June.

Peggy is looking at pictures for the design on the restrooms and also dressing up the beer garden.

Henry and Butch mentioned the floor on the Pole Barn is fixed. Henry said there were about 8-10 people from 4-H, swine, beef and sheep people, Butch and Henry. Everyone agreed to have the work done. They all were able to see a sample of what it would look like. All that is needed is to have a sealant sprayed on.

Peggy got a call about Pacific NW Scaffolding, Seve Nelson and they liked the VIP area at the rodeo and wants to do some kind of sponsorship. Will need to come out and view where we can have it. keep it high enough

Branden talked about needing about 6 superintendents for Static. Livestock is ok. Needing volunteers. It was suggested to contact counties close to us, put it on social media. Ryan will reach out to Clackamas and Clatsop county. It was suggested to go to OFA site. Ryan mentioned he talked with Kassie and is willing to help design information to put out on social media.

Peggy adjourned the meeting at 7:93 pm