

Columbia County Fair Board Meeting
Monday January 12, 2025
6:30 p.m. Warren Grange Building

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The Columbia County Fair Board met in a regularly scheduled session with Butch Guess, Henry Heimuller, Ryan Hausner, Jennifer Plahn, Mary Ann Guess, and Branden Staehely

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was to order at 6:30 pm

APPROVE AGENDA

Henry moved to approve agenda as stated, Branden 2nd, motion passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS – 5 MINUTE LIMIT

Eva gave an update on the Museum project. They have 5 contractors bids for concrete, 3 bids for electrical work and 2 bids for the floor repair. They sent out for several grants, 2 have been approved. They mailed over 200 letters to the community for donations and have received \$13,000 so far. They project the overall cost would be \$55,000. Hoping contractors will give discounts like Knife River and Cal-Portland for the concrete.

The Pomona Grante is having a Fundraiser at the Yankton Grange February 7, 2026. It will be a Pie Auction. They have several volunteers and tractors to help move out the equipment and move it back in after the work is completed.

Eva asked if the fair board will partner with them to cover the insurance for the volunteers. This will be on the work session agenda for January 28, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA -

Jennifer moved to ratify the invoices for December 2025, Henry 2nd, motion passed.

Ryan moved to approve Board minutes for December 10, 2025, Henry 2nd, motion passed.

COMMITTEES:-

Rodeo Court Committee – Haley Person helped with the grange breakfast and is preparing for her coronation January 17.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fair Board position - Butch Guess wants to hold his position for another three years. Henry moved to approve, Jennifer 2nd, motion passed.

Cascade Building Svcs Amendment was presented for the increase cost for cleaning. Henry approved the amendment with correction, Branden 2nd, motion passed.

Maintenance Report – Butch mentioned they're cleaning out gutters, annual maintenance on vehicles, removing fallen branches, they fixed the doors to the Warren grange building.

Mary Ann Guess gave the Treasurer Report. The current balance of the Fairgrounds is \$170,931.49.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Henry mentioned every time he comes out to the fair office , Elena is always friendly with the customers and conducts herself well.

Jennifer mentioned Elens is working on learning ShoWorks for this coming fair and has questions on entertainment for the work session.

Branden finalized the Superintendents and Judges agreements. All we need to do is change the dates for the coming fair. He also wanted to order ribbons like we did in 2024.

Maryann – currently we're reviewing to make changes to the little stage to reduce the cost we pay. 2024 was approx. \$2300.00/ looking to permanent extend the state and purchase a tent. Hopefully will have costs to present to board at the work session.

The next Fair Board monthly meeting will be February 9, 2026

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm