

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
10/14/2024

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

CALL TO ORDER

Peggy called this meeting to order at 6:30pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

Henry motion to approve the agenda, Branden 2nd. Motion passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Paul recapped the amount for the food bank. Similar to last year.

Eva mentioned the problems with the squirrels on the grounds. Henry said they were different than the normal squirrels. He will call the extensive office to see what we can do to remove them.

CONSENT AGENDA

Butch motion to ratify the invoices for September 2024 , Ryan 2nd – motion passed

Ryan moved to approve the Board minutes for Sept. 9, 2024, and work session minutes for Sept. 25, 2024, Henry 2nd – motion passed.

COMMITTEES

Rodeo Committee – Mark –sent requests to B Bar D, the sound system and the announcer. The stock contractor will probably go up a couple of thousand from last contract. Rodeo in Sublimity is at the same time of ours so we want to make sure we secure them.

Peggy mentioned she receives several comments regarding using the arena. We'll need to put this on the agenda for a work session

Rodeo Court Committee – Madison said her and Lindsay went to the Pendleton Round up and attended their last rodeo this year in Salem. They helped at the Warran Grange breakfast and the Columbia River PUD dinner. Lindsay attended the 2025 washington coronation and will be attending the Tillamook coronation next month.

Auction Committee

Not present

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Poultry Roof quotes – Butch presented both quotes from Kneeland and Marks Custom Exteriors. Reviewed both quotes and asked Butch to provide more information from Marks on cost of vapor barrier. So we can compare each quote equally. Paull mentioned Marks has a large crew if time was a factor. Item tabled until more information is acquired.

OQMRA amendment - Ryan mentioned they could not pay \$1000 per race for the local races.. Jennifer asked if they could charge more. – Ryan said it's for the kids. And said Darrin is now the VP of the local association. Henry motion we sign the amendment as presented, Butch 2nd. Ryan would like to discuss, they only have one regional, they planned on six races this year. Only had two. Henry mentioned the amount of time and energy -our attorney has spent on this, we won't recoup or at least break even. Henry did tell Ryan he could move to amend the amendment. Ryan moved to charge \$300 for local races and \$1,000 for regional races. Branden 2nd. Motion denied. The first motion Henry made and Butch 2nd. Motion carried – two opposed.

Peggy asked if the Fair Board would like to buy a table for \$400 for 8 people for the fundraiser. Oct 26 starting at 5pm, Tickets are \$55.00 each. Butch moved we donate a family pack for Fair Admission, Henry 2nd motion passed.

Maintenance Report Butch said the office doors have been replaced and they're just keeping up with the leaves

Treasurer Report Mary Ann gave the balance of 102,465.78 end of September

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS;

Peggy said the Elks contract ended this year and they gave us a report with missing information. Peggy told them we needed more information.

Henry – asked the board members going to the OFA conference to wear our shirts. We received two applicants for the camp host. Kevin has agreed and is willing to sit with us at the next work session to discuss further the duties. Henry motioned to authorize Kevin to be the new Camp Host , Butch 2nd, motion passed.

Butch – said he received information from Bonneville Building and they have a program F75 which is to upgrade buildings for them to be energy efficient. Butch will pass this information on to Branden, he has never heard of this.

Rick Smith mentioned Daisy won the State Champion for Round Robin.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned.