

**COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR BOARD
HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES
10.9.23**

The Columbia County Fair Board met in a scheduled hybrid session with Peggy Howell, Butch Guess, Branden Staehely, Mary Ann Guess and Henry Heimuller

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Peggy Howell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

VISITOR COMMENTS – 5 MINUTE LIMIT

Daisy Smith suggested to do a haunted house in the barns like last year, asking schools to compete with each other. Peggy mentioned if she wanted to gather up some people and present to board. the fair board doesn't have the resources to do that. Daisy talked about the price of getting into the fair for parents to see 4-h kids were expensive – The board explained to her there was a discount for family and there always has been.

Rick Smith, Warren talked about the pole barn, saw the specs of the building, questioned why steel. Peggy said Riley will be able to answer your questions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Henry motioned to ratify the Bills for September 2023 – Butch 2nd – motion passed.
- B. Mary Ann motioned to approve the September 11, 2023, Board Minutes, and September 27 work session minutes –Henry 2nd, motion passed.

COMMITTEES:

- A. Rodeo Committee – Julie said they were still working on lights. Mark talked with Jimmy for Jr Rodeo to get that contract in the works. Mark was concerned about the barrel man from last year.

- B. Rodeo Court Committee - Savannah was at Tillamook for 5 days. There were 57 visiting royalties NPRA will be her last rodeo this season. She attended the Halloween parade, will be at the warren grange and will be at the John L Scott party. Also our Rodeo received an award for Best Rodeo at the NPRA finals.

- C. Auction Committee – Daniel presented the totals. Sale total was \$280,678.06 add on total 48,644.00 up nearly 85,000 from last year. Biggest year ever. After all paid out 93,605 will be the balance. Woody attended their last meeting and asked the auction committee to help with new Swine pens and wash racks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Riley Baker, Director of Facilities explained the cost of the pole barn and roofs and we have to follow what the county requires. Materials went up. Having a sprinkler system would cost more than what we paid for the steel building. There was a RFP with a design built. Henry mentioned we had 4-H input also. Riley explained the contractor will purchase the mats to cover the whole floor. Cutting the floor, with tractors scrapping it, in five years it would be smooth again. If we left the finish, renting the building for pickleball would be good. The Fair Board would like to see the mats interlock. Cornish Construction was thinking it would be better to have 1 section rather than 4 sections.

- Maintenance Report – Butch talked about the culvert they put in the ditch and covered with dirt, sand and ¾ minus will be also laid down. Staff is working on barns, facilities is working on sheep and poultry barns, put new locks on horse barns to keep them locked. The container was donated by General Services, Fuel tank is in and all changes required by Fire Marshall have been made. Adam is working on electrical layout. Henry wanted to recognize Lawrence Oil who gave us a real good deal on the pumps and tanks, the old fuel shed will be used to stored oil filters. They built a wall around the electrical panel so kids can't get in.

- Branden said PUD has one light pole up.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Balance is 41,099.94. Compared to last year's fair we were \$5k less in revenue but this year's expenses were \$27K less for a net total of \$22k more than last year.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Henry wanted to thank John L Scott for putting together this fundraiser for the barn roofs and appreciate Peggy for putting this all together.

Peggy mentioned there is a big quilt donated for the auction and was talking to Clackamas County Bd member at the OFA Conference at Deschutes County Fair what we were doing, and they donated 4 tickets to their rodeo.

Butch mentioned if anyone hears about a manure spreader they would like to sell, to call us.

Peggy adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm