

Columbia County Fair Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Warren Grange Building
Minutes
02/12/2024

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS

Judy Thompson with the veteran's association would like again to have a display in the pavilion during the fair. Also, offered to volunteer.

Eva Hudson gave an update on Megga Egg Hunt will be March 30. Ryder bus will come in Gate 5. Will pick up at McBride. This will help take the traffic off Gate 2. Last year attendance was a little over 2000. Gates open at 10:30. Gate 1 will be used for sponsors and volunteers

Rob Heller – He rents the Pavilion 4 times a year for the gun show and wants to expand maybe having a car show along with the gun show. Talking about a swap meet as well as other items as having an Outdoor show. Is asking to waive the ½ day fee on Friday as rent went up also. Henry mentioned the swap meet would bring in more money. We want you to make money and we want to make money. Rob would like to see more vendors. We can have 100 vendors. He has about 56 vendors now. He wants to get local businesses.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Kassie moved to ratify the bills for January. Hendry 2nd. Motion passed.
- B. Henry motion to approve Jan 8 board minutes and Jan 31, 2024, work session minutes Kassie 2nd. motion passed.

COMMITTEES:

- A. Rodeo Committee – Mark talked about trying to sand blast the outside panels and is getting a quote.
- B. Rodeo Court Committee – Queen Madison mentioned they went to the Clark County coronation, Princess Lyndsay said they were at the Jr Rodeo coronation, helping the Warren Grange. They did very well at their coronation
- C. Auction Committee – didn't attend.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Pole Barn update. – Henry Cutch, and Riley met with Cornish and explained why the mats won't work. They have a plan Having a company bring out a picture with a grind scuff and also a piece of concrete showing with the grind
2. Maintenance Report -They are replacing the two sides of the small stage and gutter. Also replacing the privacy boards around the outside restroom. The clocks need patching and will be painting. Horse barns are needing repair, they are putting in new lights in the barns. Paulson printing offered to redo the signs by Gate 1 and Gate 2. Butch suggested a sponsorship.
3. Treasurer's Report current balance is \$134,496.36.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: -

Henry mentioned he was going to go to Economic Team and get a list of all the businesses in Columbia County. Suggested sending out postcards to them regarding sponsorship.

Kassie made changes to the wording on the rental agreement.

Branden and Peggy coming up with a plan on the quarter midget, agreed to the pricing. Ed writing an amendment. Waiting on them. They need to move their entrance for the road.

Mary Ann – We have a new office person Jennifer Smith.

Kassie will put out on Facebook about the fair theme. Will decide next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm