

Columbia County Fair Board Meeting  
Monday February 9, 2025  
6:30 p.m. Warren Grange Building

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Henry called meeting to order at 6:30pm

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Branden moved to approve agenda, Jennifer 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**VISITOR COMMENTS – 5 MINUTE LIMIT**

Jim from Columbia River Fire Dept wants to have activities for Kids day at the fair. He was thinking about 6 events and was hoping for the fair board to donate the fee. He wanted to have them hold a hose that would hook up to hydrant outside Gate 2 and would contain the water. He wants to express to the kids leadership, to increase our abilities, team player, this would help the kids gain confidence where they can see I Can Do This. If firefighters can do this, I can do this. All fire departments are coming together for this. He will come back with more information and insurance information.

Erica Welch -Open Horse show Superintendent – is asking for three show dates, July 12, Aug 2 and Aug 23 plus 8 open ride dates. Last year there were 23 riders at the show, she expects 40-50 riders this year. She submitted a worksheet showing estimates based on 30 riders on revenue and expenses. She wants to use Ring Radar again like last year. She spoke with Dale Savage, and he is willing to work the arena for her.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Ratify the invoices for January 2026 Jennifer motion to approve the January invoices, Branden 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.
- B. Approve Board minutes for January 12, 2026 and work session minutes of Jan 28, 2026. Ryan motioned to approve the January minutes for the Board meeting and work session, Jennifer 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**COMMITTEES:**

Rodeo Court Committee- Jessica said Haley Pierson will be traveling to Miss Teen Rodeo. Her coronation was held Jan 16 and had 8 royalties from other counties attending.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Pomona Grange – Eva said the pie auction was fantastic. - they had 42 pies and raised \$5000.00 for the museum. She submitted the budget for museum - planning to start March 1 as a target date. They picked the lights - have applied for 8 grants, three approved, 1 pending .they have been looking at fast return on grants rather than grants with a match. All the granges are recognizing America 250 years. Expect to see someone out here looking at the museums – granges to promote all year long. They are meeting with PUD Feb 17 for support. –They have community support they had 30 people at the pie auction. The fairgrounds should be able to do fundraising to enhance the whole area. A lot of hard work.

Maintenance Report the guys are doing vehicle maintenance.

- Treasurer Report - Mary Ann gave the report as a balance of 177,874.75

Henry asked Kevin how things were going out here. Kevin mentioned the kids running around that he chased out. He looked around and saw no damage.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Jennifer working on the entertainment and working with Elena is doing good on the website –

Branden had no changes.

Ryan counted the ribbons, some ribbons have different shapes, mixed in. Mary Ann asked where the grange ribbons went to. Branden had no idea.

**ADJOURN**

With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.