

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Work Session March 25, 2026

6:30 p.m. Fair Office

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AGENDA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Henry Heimuller called meeting to order at 5:29pm

APPROVE AGENDA

Mary Ann Guess moved to accept agenda as presented, Jennifer 2nd, motion passed

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Mark Dreyer who rents the Pole Barn for his small tree sale only uses the pole barn for one day. Our policy requires the rental to be for three days. Henry mentioned the fair board will review the rental policy and will let me know before his next event next year.

Branden asked the board to consider meeting on the same day in the month rather than Mon and Wed. Henry suggested we check with Woody and others.

St Helens Kiwanis Club – Parking. Chuck talked about their concerns about the price of parking. This hasn't changed for quite some time. Didn't know how to do this without having to deal with a lot of \$1.00 bills. They have 12 shifts out there 8 of them are no problem. They need to be quick especially on Friday and Sat nights. they typically park 950 cars who pay. Henry suggested increasing the parking passes at a price and discount them for season passes. He said you and Jay do most of the work. All the clubs benefit from this. will need to come up with ideas. Chuck wanted to know if we can fill in the holes if we have extra dirt. He had questions regarding the trailers coming in and parking in the back. Kevin will communicate better with the parking staff and the board will be helping with having them follow the rules. People will take advantage of it. All drop offs are at Gate 4. We will be making big signs so people know where to go. People who are here for slack need to park on the rodeo side. Rodeo Court people are the only ones to park in their area. No friends. All other trailers need to park on rodeo side.

Eva gave update on museum. They had two or three work parties to move equipment, and everything is out. They are planning to start April 1. A Temp is doing electrical work. Ditch is dug the concrete will be April 7 or 8.. Knife River is doing that. Grabhorn is delivering the gravel. They are graveling driveway from museum to road. Bart will do the work. They'll have motion sensor lights Elena and Kevin will coordinate with each other on closing the gate.

Kevin presented his changes to camping form and reviewed rules. There will be more discussion on the camping form, just a few changes.

We now have a open position on the fair board. will wait until there are more applicants to be asked to attend a board meeting.

The cash room is covered for the fair. Two county employees will be working in place of US Bank.

Jennifer mentioned we should have the sponsorship coordinator at the board meeting in April.

The fair theme for this year is "250 years of Agriculture and County Fair Pride."

The VIP parking is more expense than w revenue received. Henry ordered fencing for camping only.

Jennifer asked if the board would give the \$15.00 for high point again. Mary Ann moved to include this \$15.00 high point award like we give the ribbons, so we don't have to vote on this again. Jennifer 2nd, motion passed.

Last work session, the board voted on the race track contract. We discussed taking the camping payment out but not voted on. Ryan motion to remove the camping statement out of the contract , Branden 2nd, motion passed.

Ryan walked the area with Scappoose school district and Corey from Emergency management

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm