

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Work Session March 27, 2024

6:30 p.m. Fair Office

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WORK SESSION AGENDA

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

Peggy called the meeting to order at 6:30

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Fair Board Applicants -Rick Smith and Jennifer Plahn

Henry explained to the candidates the process. The Board of Commissioners let the fair board interview everyone then the Board of Commissioners will schedule an interview with the applicants as well. The Fair Board will give them our recommendations. He went on to explain the Fair Board is a volunteer position, there are no county employees at the fairgrounds. Both candidates gave a brief description of themselves, what they have been involved with, ideas they have for the fair. This is a big commitment. The Fair Board is a working fair board.

Henry motion to authorize the partnership with JHB or Epperly Insurance, we will waive all fees except for cleaning. Butch 2nd, motion passed.

Camp Host Duties were discussed need more information and to come up with a schedule for when they will not be on the fairgrounds. Need to provide them with a list of board members and phone numbers and who will be called 1st in emergencies. Need more clarity in attendance, maybe HR can help write this up.

Quarter Midget update – Henry mentioned there is no excuse. Referring to the email on the tires – place them on the race track stored on trailer – maintenance spent \$1000. We should hold them to the sixteen weekends, didn't have a current copy of the insurance certificate.

Hudson Garbage Sponsor requested more tickets than what we normally give to sponsors. Butch will contact them and inform them.

Discussed the Auction committee and the number of tickets they will receive This year will be for the committee not buyers. They will need a food handlers permit if they are cooking. They asked if they could bring trailer and if they can use the 4-H building.

Branden said he was short two judges sheep and beef – maybe - static shy three static superintendents –

Henry talked about the bleachers and met with the guy from scaffolding co two weeks ago– from end to end of the VIP section –he wants to put a 30 x 100 platform over the fence above the VIP bleachers and will have Screen in and shaded over the top – wants to do as the sponsorship in-kind it is being engineered now for the weight limit and will let us know.so we know how many tables we can have. Will have an exclusive bar in that section. Talked about the price of the tickets Henry moved to sell the platform tickets at \$70.00 each, Branden 2nd. Motion passed. – talked with Jordan at Afton tickets about the big bleachers. Peggy estimated 1500 seats -open gates at 5:00. Need to remeasure exactly how many with allowing space for steps. These tickets will be free, just need to keep control how many can be up there safely. Very concerned about the crowd and not being able to get Paramedics up to the bleachers.

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Peggy talked about the Elks seems to be for the walk around alcohol. we will need to check bags and no open containers. Peggy will be ordering 100 ducks for Thursday to hide around in the fairgrounds — for emergency – Ryan to talk with Fire Department all going to gate 2. - we are going for a Western theme in painting buildings. -

check the paint with metro – metro recycling website – we will be getting water again from winco – Butch mentioned Gatorade also for the workers. Henry to talked with commissioners if they will supply snacks again. Butch will go with Henry to winco.

Warren Grange offered to do the cooking for the Volunteer dinner. The Fair Board will do the cooking. – Butch talked about cleaning out the Strom drains -

Ryan – said Carole Jerkins and her husband will do the painting of the restrooms as an in-kind sponsor. He also mentioned they're having a Table top exercise on 20th June. -

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm -