

**Fair Board Meeting**  
**Columbia County Fair Board**  
**Monday May 8, 2023**

**6:30 p.m. Warren Grange Building**

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The Columbia County Fair Board met in scheduled meeting with Peggy Howell, Henry Heimuller, Butch Guess, Branden Staehely, Kassie Bonnell, Mary Ann Guess.

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

**VISITOR COMMENTS – 5 MINUTE LIMIT**

Les Waters with the museum wants the same location as in the past. Last year her ran into problems regarding insurance. He has difficulty in getting volunteers to cover all hours during fair and would like to be able to close early. He mentioned its been 25 yrs for Halloween Town and would like to set up a display inside the Ag bldg. maybe even invite other county museums. Henry moved to waive fee and have display in ag bldg. Butch 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed.

Mark Nelson with Design Science Association a non-profit has concerns of having \$2m per occurrence insurance coverage. Henry explained to him it is a county policy.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Henry moved to ratify the bills, Butch 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed

Branden moved to approved the minutes, Henry 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed.

**COMMITTEES:**

A. Rodeo Committee – Mark said all was going good. Asked about the barrel man and jr rodeo contracts. Mary Ann had passed the proposals on to counsel to write up contracts.

B. Rodeo Court Committee – Savanna attended the Megga Egg Hunt and helps at Warren Grange Breakfast. She will be going to Spray May 27 and 28.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Rental rates - Henry explained what the new prices are and for non-profits affiliated with fairgrounds will have fee waived and ones that are not will received a 25% discount. Mary Ann moved to accept the new rental prices, Henry 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed. Rates will start June 1, 2023
- ShoWorks – tabled to next work session
- Reserved Rodeo Seating – Peggy explained we will be selling rodeo reserved seating on the South grand stands. The rows and seating will be numbered. The area will be fenced. Admission prices were discussed. Henry moved to having pricing all week for adults \$13.00 and youth and seniors \$7.00, Reserved Rodeo seating with admission – Adult 35.00 , youth and seniors 25.00 - Sunday all day is the same \$5.00 for everyone. Butch 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

- Maintenance Report – Butch said we're still waiting on gravel by the office for the two pedestals. Concrete will be poured this week. All equipment has had maintenance performed. Will need to trim trees for mowing. Concrete for the pole barn needs to be poured by 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month. The Fire extinguishers have been serviced. Butch has an extra one to put in the electrical room. The stove in pavilion has been professionally cleaned. Henry gave update on trees. The stumps have been removed. Tree by Gate 5 is hollow inside as with the tree by beef barn. Need to think about purchasing trees . The tree by ag bldg. is being trimmed as with all the other interior trees in the fairgrounds. Butch mentioned we needed to purchase a pump for the septic to be installed next week. Once the septic is running good he will call Septic to come out and do their maintenance on the lines.
- Office Report – Mary Ann is almost done going through the old boxes. Updating website.
- Treasurers Report – Currently have a balance of \$84,140.82

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Henry has concern about the quarter Midget permit stating permanent structures. Branden wanted to know if we could make comments on the permit. We have our contract, and it was approved as temporary. Have not received schedule. Peggy has heard from Rose stating she has been busy. Henry mentioned the fence is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have received payment from insurance co.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

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