Columbia County Fair Board Meeting
Monday August 10, 2026
6:30 p.m. Warren Grange Building
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The Columbia County Fair Board met in a regularly scheduled session with Peggy Howell, Jennifer Plahn, Henry Heimuller, Jamie Urwin and Mary Ann Guess

TO ORDER
Peggy called mtg to order at 6:30

APPROVE AGENDA
Henry moved to approve the agenda, Jennifer 2nd, motion passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS – 5 MINUTE LIMIT
Paul who does the recycling for the food bank thought it was close to $1900.that he has turned in so far. He mentioned using those green containers with holes made a big difference. He has about 2 days of work left to do. He has 42 bags, 23 bags already loaded. The blue ones that the food bank has could be used. He thought it was a great fair, the crew we had helped pick up all the cardboard. The teenagers were helpful as well. he kept reminding them they're working for that $45.00 carnival bracelet.
Henry mentioned Hudson garbage brought out 24 bins to use. He suggested letting OFA know of the combined effort we do for the food bank. Paul thought more signage on the green containers might help. Jamie suggested doing a post on social media.

CONSENT AGENDA
Jennifer moved to approve the invoices for June and July, Mary Ann seconded, motion passed.

Henry moved to approve the Fair Board minutes for June 8, 2026 and Work sessions minutes for June 24, and July 29, Jennifer 2nd, motion passed.

COMMITTEES:

A. Rodeo Court Committee Queen Haley went to Benton , Sisters, Tillamook rodeos. She said we really have a nice rodeo. Enjoying the remaining time of her reign.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4-H – Woody thanked the fair board for a good fair and shavings. He thought the auction did more than last year. If 4-H continues to grow like it has been, will need more space.

Maintenance Report – Henry mentioned he is still hearing about how much people enjoyed the remake of the beer garden and the signage on the side of the building. Peggy was the main person who did the work and ideas. The A/C unit in the Warren grange building needs to be replaced. NW Plumbing made repairs in May. He came out and the A/C unit is wore out and needs to be replaced. His bid for a new system will be 10, 465.00.

Peggy asked for a 2nd bid. All the temp workers this year did a great job and Robert and Darrin. The tractor is in shop for A/C repair.
We had 487 tires that Lew Schwab took at $3.99 per tire. All we had to do was load them up and drop them. They did the stacking. He also ordered a big dumpster to toss the rest of the items the quarter midgets left and added items from the dairy barn. This will be picked up this week.
All the road signs have been picked up and stored. Digital graphic put on the dates for next years now rather than waiting for next year. The guy picked up the extra bales of hay. He agreed to give us 4 round bales and any bales if we need them.

Mary Ann gave the Treasurer's report. We have a balance of $184,283.89. she mentioned not all the expenses have been processed and the revenue needs to be allocated to the various line items.

BOARD COMMENTS

Jamie had people ask her of volunteer opportunities throughout the year they can help with. Who she was talking to would be more interested in a desk job rather than manual labor. It was suggested to her that we reach out to kids before the end of school so they can get credit. Maybe more advertising on social media.

Kevin asked how we can get more people to participate and have more exhibits.

Peggy asked if we had applicants for the fair board position. Mary Ann mentioned we have three but none of them were completed. She said she heard it was difficult to work with. Jennifer applied as an applicant and had no problem. Mary Ann will check the next day to see if it worked for her.

With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:10