

**COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR BOARD
HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES
9.11.23**

The Columbia County Fair Board met in a scheduled hybrid session with Peggy Howell, Butch Guess, Branden Sachley, Kassie Bonnell and Mary Ann Guess.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

VISITOR COMMENTS – 5 MINUTE LIMIT

Chip Bulb talked about The Master Gardner's renting the pavilion for the master garden event that primarily sells tomatoes. He explained that the costs to rent are expensive for them. They've been around along time. Asked the board to waive the ½ day on Friday. -Branden motion to waive the half day rental fee for them. Kassie 2nd. motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Kassie motion to ratify the Bills for August 2023 – Branden 2nd – motion passed.
- B. Branden motion to approve the August 14, 2023 Board Minutes, Aug 17, special mtg. and Aug 30, 2023 work session minutes – Butch 2nd – motion passed.

COMMITTEES:

- A. Rodeo Committee - not present
- B. Rodeo Court Committee
 - Shannan had great time at our fair. New girls helping at the fundraiser for the national finals rodeos – auction was real good. Flag teams and heather. She attended the Canby fair and rodeo three nights – Vernonia logging days – she leaves for Pendleton rodeo before the NPRA finals .She also brought her saddle which was custom made for her.
- C. Auction Committee – not present.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Fair Board Applicant – Ryan couldn't make it tonight – we can ask him to attend the next work session.
- Revised Rental Form –Kassie will make changes to the form to add the pole barn and will present at the next work session for approval.
- Maintenance Report – Butch moved the container for fuel per the Fire Marshall – Dahlgren's will donate a portion of the cost of materials to repair the poultry, and sheep barns – we will recognize that as in-kind sponsorship. There were electrical problems during the QMRA, kids were driving around in a golf cart who turned off electrical power. – all the food in the refrigerator in office kitchen was ruined – water all over floor. – they are now locking all the gates between the different areas.
- Treasurers Report – 106,037.16 current balance.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Peggy came out for during the QMRA racing – she had concerns and everything really went off well considering we had multiple rentals going on. Butch's concern is having adequate security. The camp host needs to be here especially when there are multiple rentals during the same time. Paul would be willing to bring recycle bins for the rentals in the pavilion. Peggy talked with the QMRA and they will send in a spreadsheet with their payment for parking and camping. Eva came out during the race to make sure everything was secure. She did find the side door on the Warren Grange Building wasn't closed – everything was good. Peggy was pleasantly surprised how many Columbia County citizens came to the Quarter midget race.

Branden mentioned PUD laid out a couple of poles for the rodeo lighting.

Peggy was talking to a guy about raising money for the barn roofs. Someone suggested to sell panels to help pay –

Paulson printing might be able to make up a plaque with all names who donated. cover the cost per panel. There is more discussion on this to coordinate everything.

Woody suggested panels for the barns – one big plaque listing all names rather than identifying each barn.

Peggy – expects there will be dry rot. The Fair Board will do it right. -

Peggy adjourned the meeting at 7:06pm

Pursuant to ORS 192.640 (1), The Columbia County Fair Board reserves the right to consider and discuss, in either open session or Executive Session, additional subjects that may arise after the agenda is published.