

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
09/09/24

The Columbia County Fair Board met in a regularly scheduled session with Peggy Howell, Butch Guess, Branden Staehely, Mary Ann Guess, Ryan Hausner, and Jennifer Plahn

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Peggy called this meeting to order at 6:30pm

VISITOR COMMENT – 5-minute limit

No comment

CONSENT AGENDA:

Henry moved to ratify the invoices for August 2024, Butch 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Butch motion to approve Board minutes for Aug 12, 2024 and work session minutes for Aug 28, 2024, Jennifer 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEES:

Julie Sandstrom representing the Rodeo Committee asked to have the Rodeo Fundraising dinner March 15, 2025. Henry motion to approve the dinner for Rodeo Committee on March 15, 2025 – Butch 2nd, motion carried.

Queen Madison and Princess Lindsay for the Rodeo Court said they attended the Clackamas Rodeo , and will be attending the Pendleton Round up next week with finals on the 20th.

Auction Committee

Not represented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. 4-H - Woody said their new year begins October 1. They are making adjustment for the next year with the changes. Henry asked if the animals were up or down this fair. Woody said the horses were smaller expect to combine the two divisions next year as well, the sheep barn was full, the goats also. Beef was a little higher, the swine numbers were up.
2. Maintenance Report – butch said they fixed the sharp metal piece on the bleachers and all the steps have been replaced on the grandstand. He said he received one bid so far on the poultry roof and that was approx. \$41,000. Should be receiving two more this week. The laterals have been completed. Waiting on having the septic tank filters looked at dosing tanks.
3. Mary Ann gave the Treasurers report. The fairgrounds currently has a positive balance of \$ 34,293.76. This year the fair brought in a net of 72,412.63 but still missing revenue from the Elks and a couple of expenses. Peggy mentioned when she attended the OFA meeting in Salem, all the counties experienced low attend

Jennifer talked about the oral auction and basket for the OFA conference.

Branden said Columbia River PUD has donated two IPADS for us to use during the fair with open class.

Peggy asked the board to waive the fees except for cleaning, for the John L Scott fundraising dinner. They have learned a lot since last year. They will be able to presell tickets, They expect more revenue this year. They have Mark Coons as the auctioneer. John L Scott will be dividing the proceeds between three agencies, fair board, humane society and to schools. Henry mentioned we do have a policy to follow and last year all proceeds went to the fairgrounds. We'll see how this plays out. Henry moved to waive the rental fees for John L Scott fundraising dinner. Ryan 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned.