

Columbia County Fair Board Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2023 6:30pm –
4H building and Virtual

In attendance: *Henry Heimuller, Peggy Howell, Butch Guess, MaryAnn Guess and Darrin Rye on phone*

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Treasurer Mary Ann Guess called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

VISTORS COMMENTS

Heather Epperly/Megga Egga event. She presented a list of what would be required from the Fair Board and asked to waive the rental fee. The Fair Board helps sanction the event as they are under our volunteer insurance. Henry motioned to waive fees, Butch 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Ashley Taylor is a veteran advocate and is with the VFW in Scappoose and an Army Veteran and Judy Thompson presented the “Country of Hero’s” display of history of pictures of local veterans and asked for a 10x20 space during the Fair. Expect to have close to 50 pictures. Lori mention there would be room in the Ag Building but wouldn’t know how much until the exhibits are entered. Woody suggested the middle of the Pavilion where there would be room. Henry motion to allow this display at no charge, Peggy 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Ratify Select to Pay the invoices for January 2023
Henry moved to ratify the invoices for January 2023. Peggy 2nd to approve the invoices. The motion carried unanimously.
- Approve January 9th Fair Board minutes and January 25th, 2023, workshop meeting minutes. – Peggy moved and Henry seconded to approve the January 9th Board minutes and January 25th, 2023, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- Budget Update/ Treasure Report: \$135,650.35

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RODEO COMMITTEE

Mark mentioned the Rodeo Committee Dinner on March 4 and there are only 7 tickets left. PUD will be installing the new lights and poles. There was discussion if additional lighting could be added to face toward the racetrack parking area. Might be able to add to pole by announcer’s booth. Lights come to a total of \$14,000. Wiring is still needed. Butch mentioned when PUD comes out to install, there are a couple of lights on the fairgrounds that need replacing.

Mark mentioned Jim Berrett will be the stock contractor for the Jr. Rodeo like last year and to go ahead and prepare contract for the same price.

Ken Chultly introduced Tim who will be helping with the Posse this year.

RODEO COURT COMMITTEE

Queen Savannah has been very busy. Very successful Coronation. She will be going to Clark County next then attending the Rodeo Committee fundraiser. Alice talked about starting a Flag Team to 14-18 yrs. old. They will be required to bring in their own sponsors at \$100.00. They will be using the current contracts that is used for the queens. She is hoping that this will create encouragement to apply for Rodeo Queen. The Flag Team would only go to county events.

She might be hosting the JR/Teen Miss Rodeo Oregon Pageant and will need time on Sat afternoon on the Family Stage.

AUCTION COMMITTEE - No members present

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Fair Board Application – Kassie Bonnell – She moved to Columbia County a few years ago from Indiana, has 4-H background. Loves animals and wants to contribute to her community. Henry explained to her this is a working fair board and gave her a brief history of what we do at the fairgrounds. We'll send your application to the Commissioners.
2. Fair Board Election of officers. Mary Ann nominated Peggy as President, Butch as Vice President, and Mary Ann as Secretary/Treasurer. Henry 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Insurance claim for fencing. Henry will be gathering up quotes to repair the fence and we can submit to our insurance co who will go after the driver's insurance co.
4. Mary Ann asked if she could be reimbursed for registration for Butch to go to OFA which was paid prior to him board. Henry motioned to reimburse the Guess's for \$250.00. Peggy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. QRQMA sign – tabled
6. Joy Johnson – Placing a bench by the 4-H arena on a concrete pad in memory of her daughter. Peggy motion and Henry 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Sheryl Savage talked about having the NW Youth Rodeo and needed to verify the weekend of June 24th is available. This is so big will need a lot of parking close to 200 trailers. Will need County Counsel will reach out to the midget race organization to verify if this is good. Darrin asked if the dates can be presented by March 1. Ed (legal counsel) will review what the requirements on the quarter midget contract.
8. Butch received three quotes from Sunset Equipment. The John Deere Diesel was over \$17K, the X-Mark with 60" deck was \$7,499.00. The Kubota 72" deck with state discount is \$8,461.72, both with the same warranties. Henry motion to purchase the Kubota 60" deck zero turn mower, Darrin 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. Butch will get another quote for a larger brush hog. Darrin asked about trade-in and there was none.
9. New Admission passes. Family pass camping \$100.00. Woody would sell bracelets to leaders for \$15.00 and youth \$5.00 for week. Mary Ann motioned, Butch 2nd. Motion passed.
10. Cleaning service – April came in at \$250.00 per event. We need to have April to give us an all-inclusive proposal similar to Cascade Building Services. Tabled. Need more

information from April so quotes are comparable to each other.

11. Katherine Beck Re: CRF& R Holiday Bazaar – Tabled
12. Carnival changes – Rainier Amusement would like to make an amendment to the 2023 contract to open Wed-Fri at 2:00 , Sat at 1:00 and close on Sunday. Discussion was to keep fair as is for 2023
13. Ed – County Counsel spoke about the contract for the pole barn. The pole barn came in at 311,992.46, concrete 26,000 and demo of \$5,000 bringing total over the grant by \$34,215.46. Darrin wants the roofs on the barns taken care of before the pole barn. Ed mentioned he believe the money is for the pole barn and the roofs were only extra after the pole barn. The contract is for the pole barn and slab to be completed by July 1st. Henry motioned Ed to present to the Board of County Commissioners to use the extra funds in our capital improvement fund to cover the difference. Butch 2nd, Darrin apposed. Motion passed.
14. Eva asked to have fair board contact NW Heating to replace filters for the furnace in 4-H building. Butch will contact them and work with Dylan

Next Workshop meeting March 1, 4-H Building 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:21 pm