

Columbia County Fair Board Meeting Agenda  
Monday, March 11, 2019  
6p Warren Grange Building

In attendance: Butch Guess, Maryann Guess, Todd Moore, Amanda McFeron, Ingrid Chamberlain, Lisa Masog.

Meeting called to Order 6:01pm

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Todd motions to approve meeting, seconded by Amanda. Motion carries to approve the minutes from March 2019.

Ratify bills from 2-2019, Maryann motions to ratify bills, seconded Amanda, motion carries to ratify the bills from 2-2019.

**CITIZEN INPUT:**

Les Waters – Curator of the Columbia County Museum Association: asking to be considered to be part of the Fair, an ongoing conversation from the previous year. This association fills the first booth by the Ag Building. One caveat (as noted by Butch Guess) that the person who manned the booth last year should not return as he was rude and responded inappropriately to the request for him to wait until other vendors get set up. Les will take the FB concern of this one particular individual in front of his board meeting. Overall the participation was a success, the booth/space was offered at no charge in the past. Will need to be voted on to be offered again in 2019. Amanda makes a motion for the Historical Museum to have the booth by the Ag building that they had in 2018, seconded by Ingrid, motion carries.

Parker Humbird of the “All Star Chefs” to make a presentation: He wants to make a bench and donate it to the Fair on behalf of his 4-H group. It is his Boy Scout project, see the green bench in the corner. Very impressive! The 4-H club “All Star Chefs” gathered plastic bags and used them as the materials to build the bench. The plastic was sent to TREX and they made the plastic boards. TREX provides the Bench free of charge once the group collects and turns in 500lbs. This was done in conjunction with the St. Helens Lions Assoc. Please consider placing it on the side of the Pavilion and please consider anchoring it so it is secure.

Jamie Carr to speak on a concrete pad project: Spoke at the 1-2019 Fair Meeting regarding concrete improvements to be done over two Fridays in May. Knife River has agreed to donate the concrete completely, Parr Lumber will donate all materials. Has found donated labor as well. Butch wants to table this issue until 4-2019 board meeting to allow the FB more time to organize the projects that are in store for the fairgrounds in 2019. Approx. 6 bays of 12X12 in the barn to be improved. Butch feels that the barns need to be cleaned out first, and this cleaning needs to be planned and organized, probably will need a dumpster. Also need to determine what is to be done with the Shute that is out there. FB agrees to discuss at the 4-1-2019 CCFB Work Session. Concrete Pads will take approx. 2 weeks to cure, ready to walk on within a few days. May consider the possibility of adding a carport or storage solution for the vehicles that are used in that area of the grounds. Butch makes a motion to table this until 4-3-

19 for further discussion, seconded by Ingrid, motion carries to table the issue and discuss at the 4-3-19 work session. Jamie is welcome to join the work session to add more information and answer more questions.

Nancy Knox asks to reconsider approval of the project pending setting a date to clean up the barns. Please reconsider the motion so that Jamie can go back to the suppliers and confirm that the project will move forward, just with no end date at this time.

Todd makes the motion to rescind the motion to table the discussion of this project, seconded by Ingrid, motion carries.

Now that tabling the discussion of the project and barn clean up has been done, discussion is reopened to gather details of the improvement project – will be improvement of 6 bays in the barn with new concrete pads. FB needs to decide whether or not to approve the improvements to be made:

*Proposed Project includes:*

- *Forming for new concrete pads*
- *Pouring the new pads*

*All done with the following donated materials:*

- *Concrete for the forming of the pads*
- *Concrete to pour new pads.*

*NOTE: new pens to be built at a later time, in the meantime portable pens will be set in place, which can be configured in any way that is needed.*

Amanda makes a motion that Nancy and Jamie's proposal of a concrete pad to form the concrete pads, pour 12X72 concrete slab that includes 7 bays, with donated materials, with the FB taking the 7<sup>th</sup> bay with end date to be determined until volunteers are found and secured to help tear down and clean up. Seconded by Todd Moore, motion carries.

Jamie Carr contact info for this project and further details:

503-310-8949

[carrs@unions-america.com](mailto:carrs@unions-america.com)

Jake to put this project on Facebook to enlist more volunteer involvement.

Poultry Barn – in order to clean this barn and the tables and the cages within, all tables, cages need to be removed and cleaned outside. Currently the tables in the poultry barn need to be replaced and they are weathered and not in good condition. Tables need to be pressure washed and cleaned up in preparation for fair. Pressure Wash Date is scheduled for a month before spraying is done. Spray and disinfectant needs one month to cure – so spraying needs to be done in May, and the pressure washing date needs to be done sometime. 4H volunteers will help clean and pressure wash, Ingrid is Volunteer Coordinator and Amanda is also going to be helping coordinate with Woody and 4H.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Rodeo Committee: Are working on a Barrel man (clown) for the rodeo, had two prospects – one includes a clown recommended by JJ and was too expensive (\$2000/performance). Decided on

the other guy and is only \$1200/performance. Still trying to get a hold of this person to secure his participation. Rodeo Auction total raised: \$16,600! This amount does not include the bar tab. Auction went well, no negative feedback. Good turnout. Sold 297 tickets at \$25/each. Smoothest Auction this year, good auction committee, also did some prep that worked well. Applied to the PUD for a grant to help replace the poles, received a denial letter, but also an invitation to reapply with different wording. The committee is still trying to get the grant and they are hopeful that the application that was resubmitted has found its way in front of the PUD Board. Main focus on the reapplication was partially how much the improvements will benefit the community. If the secondary application falls through, the committee may have access to community donations to help place the new poles. The grant is up to \$15K and it is estimated to cost up to \$40K to replace all the light poles. Hoping this project would be ready to go by 5/2020. With this timeline, one more auction is on the calendar to help raise the \$40K needed for all the poles. Also considering replacing current Halogen lights with LED, potentially could cut costs on lighting overall. Resubmitted the application 3-11-19. If not all funds granted are used, want to use excess funds a new stripping Shute.

Rodeo Court Committee: Rodeo Queen is sick this evening, The name plates for the Horses have come back. Was able to secure \$1555 from fundraiser for Kiara that is going to be used to order her a new custom made barrel saddle for her horse. Corrente from New Mexico is making the custom saddle. New saddle will be here at the end of March and will be presented at the 4-2019 meeting. Rodeo Queen Kiara was in Clark County for their recent event. Rodeo Queen schedule has been presented to the FB to add to the minutes. The committee is trying to keep her local. (ie) working at local food banks, reading at local elementary schools. Will be attending the Miss Rodeo Queen training – which focuses on improving Rodeo Queen Skills. Queen Kiara is doing well and being out and about in the community.

Auction Committee: no one is present – table the Auction committee non-attendance issue to be tabled to the 4-3-19 work session.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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BOARD COMMENTS:

Thank you to Nancy Knox for helping coordinate the efforts to get the fairgrounds ready for Fair.

Meeting adjourned 6:57p

