



Curry County Fair Board

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Agenda

September 23, 2026

5:30 p.m. Showcase Building

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Amendment and Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Public Comment (3 Minutes)**
4. **Minutes**
 - a. 6.10.26 Minutes
 - b. 8.5.26 Minutes
5. **Discussion Items/Action Items**
 - a. 2027 Fair Amusement Contract
 - b. Fair Dates
 - c. Fair Parking
 - d. Daily Sponsorships
 - e. Attracting Vendors – Food Truck Rules
 - f. Overall Foot Traffic/Layout of Grounds
6. **Reports**
 - a. Commissioner Liaison Report
 - b. Superintendent Report
 - c. 4H Report
 - d. Next Meeting – _____ at 5:30 p.m.

7. Adjourn

(ORS 192.640(1)) ". . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

CURRY COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Fair Board Minutes – June 10, 2026

Members Present: Hollinger, DeWald, Kudlac and Fair Manager Tippetts

Call to Order at 3:00 pm

Amendment and Approval of the Agenda – Motion to approve made by Kudlac, 2nd by Dewald. Unanimously passed

Public Comment

Michelle – Culinary superintendent, reconsider premiums for adults. Group puts in a lot of volunteer hours and she thinks it is reasonable to give monetary awards.

Another individual has entries in the land products division and wants the monetary awards to continue. Concerned that taking away the incentive to bring in exhibitors. The exhibits take time and funds to create. There is an issue with getting people to participate already and taking the premiums away will not help the situation.

Another individual comments that people come in to look at the exhibits or would not come to the fair.

Discussion regarding entry fees for the exhibits.

Gold Beach Fire – Request to use grounds Aug 15-16 for fire man breakfast. Hollinger makes motion to donate showcase building, Dewald 2nd and motion passed unanimously. GB Fire provides assistance during the fair.

Minutes from 5-13-26 – DeWald moves, Kudlac 2nd. Passed Unanimously.

Discussion Items/Action Items

Adult Premium – it has already been released that there will be no premiums this year. The Static superintendent volunteers to gather donations for the premiums. Discussion regarding how to deal with premiums for this year. Estimated that \$2000 is needed for premiums this year. Motion made to allow the superintendent to seek donations for premiums for this year only. Made by Kudlac, 2nd by DeWald. Unanimously passed.

Update on Equipment Purchase – Purchase of Lift Update. Discussion led by FM about buying the lift and shipping costs. Need more time to conduct research re: cost sharing with other county departments and maintenance costs. It may be cheaper for the RD to go pick it up.

26-27FY budget – Discussion regarding budget items.

Approve Fencing Proposal – Motion made to approve bid for West Coast fencing, Kudlac made, DeWald 2nd, unanimously approved.

Discuss 2027 Fair timing. Move the fair earlier in July or later into August. Consensus to see if the fair can happen a week earlier in July.

Reports

Commissioner Liaison Report – BOC is working on Budget reconvening on Monday for minor changes. 4H has approximately \$300,000 for capital improvements on the OSU extension building.

Superintendent Report – Static superintendents are happy and excited. They meet every 4th Thursday.

4H Report – Request to create MOU between youth programs and fair so that entities know their roles and duties. The goal is to make it a good experience for youth and community.

Next Meeting – July 15th at 3:00.

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AUGUST 5TH, 2026 - Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AT 5:30 – DeWald (by phone), Hollinger and Kudlac. Fair Manager Tippetts.

AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA added Karyn Nelson and Erin Dumire as applicants

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ruth Dixon – submitted application in January 2026 and never heard anything. Spoke about her history of involvement of Fair. Money lost through various channels (back gate, parking limited, low advertising). Talking about new events at the event center throughout the year.

Janice Gober – ditto to Ruth Dixon, lack of coordination regarding parking, paid \$10 to park. May be pricing people out of coming to the Fair. Wants the community to be able to help. Concerned about using the rodeo. No senior discount day and lack of advertising.

Colleen Harrison – Ellensburg theater did the parking this year and commended Natasha for her efforts. Missing “lot full” signs. Confusion was with 4H, vendors and volunteers regarding where they allowed to park. Some vendors were not polite. Restroom issues. Contract issues. They would of liked print out of events, billboard, entrance signs, make vendor volunteers aware of where they can park and where they have to pay to park. Idea about having a group come down and beautify the grounds.

Lisa Shore – concerned about lack of advertising, where it was focused. Would like to see more advertising locally. Would like to see the locals utilized.

Erin Dumire – was on FB from 2020-22. Helped create event center on the beach and various projects. Expressed disappointment with things to do and see at the fair. Fair should be alive with energy but that did not happen this year. Fair Board should put the people first. Fair manager needs to collaborate with other people and a board that want to work with the community. Fair board should be 7 members.

Michelle Norton – thank you for letting her raise funds for the premiums. Confusion about premium situation and exhibitor handbooks. Issue with timeframe to pick up premiums. Issue with premiums might be resolved now but want things cleaned up.

Nick Stores – spoke about community motor sports. Bring back motor sports to the Fair along with Hillbilly relay.

MINUTES - next meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

- a. 2026 Fair Recap
 - I. Premiums – Checks for remaining premiums. 34 people still have funds out there. Kudlac – motion to pay remaining premiums in check and that next year, all premiums be made out in check.
Dewald 2nd and passed unanimously.
 - II. Camping – camped in groups. Some liked it and some did not.
 - III. Parking – parking was messy this year. Vendors, 4h and livestock people were to have parking passes, the rest of fair go-ers were to park elsewhere. Discussion regarding moving things around to make better use of space.
 - IV. Food – two vendors dropped out right before fair. Alcohol sales was down because of Wednesday night sales being absent. Table discussion about days of fair. Suggestion about community involvement.
 - V. Livestock – conversation about timing of the events so the public can watch. Communication needs to improve on the timing of the events.
 - VI. Arena – door was damaged during the fair. Will be fixed next week. Horse barn door on the west door had a bent lock but has been repaired.
 - VII. Vendors – map issues, communication issues, but it did end up working.
- b. Discuss Fair Board Applications – process is discussion at FB and the BOC makes the decision. BOC can make the appointment at the next meeting on August 18th at 6:00 pm.
- c. Fencing Update – on the schedule to be done.
- d. Fire Marshall Recommendations – arena needs fire system fixed, food vendors will have additional state rules per health inspector.
- e. RFQ-Livestock Building – Approved RFP process for siding and doors, no contractor but one from Roseburg, discussed siding/doors and ventilation that needs to be done as well. Discussed an RFQ rather RFP process so can go over budget and needs with.
- f. 2027 Fair Update – have been contact with carnivals with new dates to see if we can get one for the fair. Discussion regarding community engagement.

REPORTS

- A. Commissioner Liaison Reports
- B. Superintendent Report – get the exhibit handbook out in spring is beneficial, gave stats on how many exhibitors there were. Handbook is getting revamped and easier so that it can get out earlier next year. Static superintendents meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 4:30. There were IT issues this year.

C. 4H Report – Em Cheramie gave report. The kids did incredible and saw improvement and growth over last year. Many qualifiers for state fair from our local 4H groups. Static exhibits were great to see.

Next meeting is September 23rd at 5:30.

Adjourned at 7:01 pm



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Agenda Report

Agenda Date:	Agenda Item Title:
September 23, 2025	2027 Amusement Contract
Description and Background:	
In researching options and speaking with several amusement companies, I have learned that it is going to be extremely difficult to bring a carnival company to our location unless they are already operating in our region around the time of our Fair. Based on routing and travel costs, this has essentially left us with two realistic options: Rainier Amusements, which currently serves the Coos County Fair, and Brass Ring Amusements, which currently serves both Curry County and Del Norte. I reached out to Rainier to determine whether there was an opportunity for us to schedule our Fair the week before Coos County and essentially work with their existing route. Unfortunately, they are currently under contract for the next three years, so that is not an option for us at this time. I also contacted Brass Ring regarding the date change previously requested by the Fair Board. Unfortunately, they are unable to accommodate a change in our Fair dates. Their existing schedule is already booked, and moving our dates would create approximately a full week between gigs. From a routing and operational standpoint, having their equipment and staff sitting for that length of time is not financially feasible for them. Because of this, our only viable option at this time is to keep the Curry County Fair on its current schedule of the last weekend in July if we want to continue having a carnival. Moving forward, I will continue communicating with the Coos County Fair regarding their future carnival plans. If they continue working with Rainier, I would like to explore whether there may eventually be an opportunity for Curry County to coordinate our dates with Coos County and become part of Rainier's regional route. This is something I will continue working on over the next year so we can better understand our options for future fairs. For 2027, I am still awaiting the formal contract from Brass Ring for signature. As soon as I receive the contract and have everything finalized, I will provide another update to the Fair Board.	
Attachments:	



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Agenda Date:	Agenda Item Title:
<u>September 23, 2025</u>	Fair Dates
Description and Background:	
At the last Fair Board Meeting, Fair Board Member Kudlac mentioned wanting to discuss the change of Thursday – Sunday vs. Wednesday through Saturday Fair. I have received a lot of feedback regarding the changes from a livestock view, static view and public participation view. I will share them at the meeting.	
Attachments:	



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Agenda Date:	Agenda Item Title:
<u>September 23, 2025</u>	Fair Parking
Description and Background:	
At the last meeting, the Fair Board briefly discussed some of the parking challenges we experience during the annual Fair. I would like to continue that conversation and have the Board take a broader look at how vehicles and parking flow throughout the entire Fairgrounds during Fair week. There are several factors that make parking challenging, including the carnival utilizing the front parking lot, traffic traveling to and from the lower portion of the grounds, and the need to accommodate general public parking, staff, volunteers, entertainment, vendors, livestock participants, reserved parking, and accessible parking. Parking is an area where we receive complaints annually. Some of the recurring concerns include who is permitted to park inside the gates, why certain individuals receive reserved parking while others do not, volunteers not having designated parking, and overall congestion and traffic flow. Rather than approaching the discussion from the standpoint of “this is how it has always been done,” I would like the Fair Board to help brainstorm what we can do differently to improve the experience. Some questions I would like the Board to consider are: • Who actually needs to have a vehicle inside the Fairgrounds during operating hours? • Should we establish clearly defined parking areas for staff, Fair Board members, volunteers, vendors, entertainment, livestock participants, and the general public? And where? • Can some areas currently used for reserved parking be better utilized for public parking? • Can signage, barricades, and traffic patterns be improved so guests immediately understand where they should go? • Are there areas of the property we are underutilizing for parking? • Would designated drop-off/pick-up areas help reduce congestion near the entrances? • How do we maintain appropriate access for emergency vehicles while improving the overall traffic pattern? • Do we need more dedicated parking attendants during our busiest periods to help direct vehicles and prevent people from parking in unauthorized areas? My goal is not necessarily to make a decision at this meeting. I would like this to be an open brainstorming discussion where we identify the biggest problems with our current system and begin developing a more organized parking and traffic plan for the 2027 Fair.	
Attachments:	



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Agenda Date:	Agenda Item Title:
September 23, 2025	Daily Sponsorships
Description and Background:	
Fair Board Member Kudlac requested this be on the agenda to discuss and will present her questions at the meeting.	
Attachments:	



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Agenda Date:	Agenda Item Title:
September 23, 2025	Attracting Vendors
Description and Background:	
One of the valid concerns I heard this year from prospective vendors was the length of time they were required to remain open during the Fair. Our current vendor agreement requires vendors to be staffed and open during all Fair operating hours. In practice, I was allowing vendors to begin closing around 9:00 p.m. once foot traffic had significantly slowed. For smaller businesses and independent vendors, these extended hours can make participation difficult. Remaining open for the entire day may require additional employees, increased labor costs, or an extremely long day for vendors operating their booths themselves. This may be discouraging some businesses from participating altogether. I would like the Fair Board to discuss whether we should establish an earlier standard closing time for vendors, particularly retail vendors, while still allowing food vendors or others to remain open later if they choose. If shortening the required hours makes participation more manageable, it could help us attract a larger and more diverse group of vendors. There are also new requirements affecting food trucks that we need to incorporate moving forward. Now that we are actively working with the Fire Marshal and have a better understanding of the applicable fire and life-safety requirements, our food vendor rules and applications need to be updated accordingly. Some areas I would like the Board to consider include vendor hours, fees, booth locations, electrical availability, recruitment and advertising, incentives for early registration and whether there are other barriers that make participating in our Fair less appealing. I would especially like feedback from Board members on businesses, food trucks, artisans, organizations, or other vendors we could personally recruit and invite to participate, rather than relying solely on vendors finding our application. I will be revising the 2027 vendor applications to include appropriate language regarding Oregon Fire Code requirements and expectations for food trucks operating on the Fairgrounds but would like input on what the Fair Board would like to see changed as well.. I plan to bring the updated applications to the Fair Board at the next meeting for review and discussion.	
Attachments:	



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<u>September 23, 2025</u>	Overall Foot Traffic of Grounds
Description and Background:	
would like the Fair Board to begin discussing the overall foot traffic and layout of the Fairgrounds during Fair and identify ways we can improve how attendees naturally move throughout the grounds. We made a couple of changes this year that seemed to work well. We opened the front side of the Showcase Building, which allowed attendees to walk through the indoor vendor area on their way to the kiddie rides. We received positive feedback on this change, and it also helped increase exposure for the vendors located inside the Showcase Building. We also blocked the walkway on the north side of the Docia, which encouraged attendees to walk through the main line of vendors rather than bypassing that area. Of course, we are never going to create a layout that pleases everyone, but I think there is an opportunity to be more intentional about where we place retail vendors, food vendors, entertainment, rides, exhibits, and other attractions so that people are encouraged to circulate throughout the entire Fair rather than congregating in or bypassing certain areas. I would like the Board to consider questions such as: Are there areas where vendors are currently being overlooked because of limited foot traffic? Could food vendors or popular attractions be strategically placed to draw people toward quieter areas? Are there pathways we should open or close to create a better flow? And is there a better overall arrangement of food, retail vendors, and rides that would benefit both our vendors and Fair attendees? I would appreciate any thoughts or ideas from the Board. Now is the time to brainstorm and look at the Fairgrounds with fresh eyes rather than automatically setting everything up the way it has been done in previous years. We learned from a few of the changes we made this year, and I would like to continue building on what worked as we plan for the 2027 Fair.	
Attachments:	