

CURRY COUNTY FAIR BOARD

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.

Seth Coy – 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