

CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD

September 16, 2026

4:30 PM – Horning Hall

Minutes

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call – Meeting was called to order by President Loren Bell at 4:31pm. Present were Vice President Jake Wilson, Secretary Raeline Kammeyer, Directors Kristin Downs and Sara Magenheimer. Excused absence was Matt Bunch and Laurne Humphreys. Fair Staff present was CEO Brian Crow.

b. Guests – Laura Edmonds from Clackamas County. From the Rodeo Committee was Clay Rhodes and. Katie Montecucco. Also, present was Clackamas County Fair and Rodeo 2027 Rodeo Queen Sahyli Burce and community member Jeanette Brandt.

c. Addition of Late Items - none

2. Communications

a. Correspondence - none

b. Citizen Testimony (The Chair of the Fair Board will call for statements from citizens regarding issues relating to the Fairgrounds and Event Center. Persons wishing to speak shall be allowed to do so. Testimony is limited to three (3) minutes. (Comments shall be kept respectful and courteous to all)

Jeanette Brandt presented to the board concerns about the lack of Turkey Cages for the fair. There has been an increase in this area. We have only 18 cages and had over 30 turkeys this year. She has researched the cost and the company that has these cages and will present the cost to the CEO for consideration.

Clay Rhodes stated that the Rodeo went very well, but he has some concerns about the lack of knowledge of the operation behind getting the Rodeo ready for the fair. He would like to discuss this and explain the various things or timelines with the board so that they are aware of how the committee members and volunteers work together to get it ready. Loren Bell will visit with Clay about this. Clay stressed that we are a Nationally recognized rodeo for the livestock that we have and that many of these livestock go on to the NFR.

Katie Montecucco presented the new 2027 Rodeo Queen Shayli Bruce. Her Coronation will be on March 13, 2027.

c. Presentation from Outside Groups- none

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from the July 2026 Fair Board Meeting – Kristin moved to approve the July minutes as presented. Jake seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. June and July Financials – Sara moved to approve both June and July Financials as presented and reviewed. Kristin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. August Check Register – Fair board reviewed the Check Register. There were no questions.

4. Updates

a. CEO Report - Met with the engineering on the bleachers for the rodeo (About \$50k) needed to get permits and move to next steps. Great meeting with Lance on some suggestions and different things to ask to keep moving this forward and be financially smart with it. There are three different design concepts for A, D, E & F. Replace as-is, replace but elevate E & F to have VIP underneath it, replace but cost nicer seats. Need to use the grant by June 30th and it is a stretch to get it all done for next year's rodeo when factoring in volunteer time needed to relocate and move pens and the roping box.

Fobtoberfest this weekend

Winterfaire and holiday tickets are on sale now. Looking at First Weekend for Adults \$5 and children.

Ordered another animated tree to replace the one that was destroyed in the windstorm of December 2025. We also received a claim from some of the lost revenue caused by the winter storm and damage.

Working on the Rodeo Budgeting question that we have is 'How much is too much to spend?' We need to confirm the goal, and plan out what is needed to achieve that goal?

The Small Animal barn repairs are well underway

A reminder of the two open board seats coming up and the application process

b. Fair Board Committee Reports

i. Update on building project – Brian reported that we were able to start right away after fair ahead of the planned timeline. The Interior framing is underway, and exterior metal is done on 3 sides. The Contract for Inline extended to December 31st. The most recent meeting had no RFI's or change submittals with changes that dropped from \$200k down to about \$170k. The Solar relay is still unresolved (Not critical path but about \$60k worth to resolve). Completion schedule is slipping into mid-January and now February.

ii. Rodeo Committee - Loren sent out the debriefing notes, any questions let us know. Working through NFR travel and pieces. Currently working on Volunteer appreciation dinner is where Clyde is recognized and board is encouraged to attend if available, date and times sent out earlier. We are working on Canby Rodeo budget. \$500k was the goal and looking at where dollars could move from one area to others to continue to improve the event and also have budgeting discipline. Another budget meeting is being set up in October. Brian sent out the budget being worked on to the fair board to review.

iii. Rodeo Court - A few parades in August (be sure to follow the court Facebook/Social page). Pendleton is the next big event. Court clinic coming up at Crowley Ranch (Alexis overseeing it). Columbia River Circuit finals with opportunities to run flags (Redmond, early November). Shayli then starts up so starting that process with design and sponsorships

iv. Strategic Plan - On track to review the planning cadence later this year once we put the final bow on the Fair & Rodeo elements, and the building project

v. Foundation Report

c. Commissioners' Report - Board of Commissioners is to have an invitation to attend the interview process if they want to.

5. Old Business

a. none

6. New Business

a. Preliminary Fair Recap - The Parking fees were flat, and gate receipts were down 4%. The Carnival was up 17%, Bar was up 3%, Rodeo up 8% and Food vendors were up 10%, but camping was down 7%.

Need to be sure camping is clarified on the rules as some thought they couldn't submit for camping if they were within 30 minutes of the fairgrounds.

Overall, income was up about 6% and just shy of the record (Less came in but those who came spent more)

Loren – talked about an after-action breakdown on next month's agenda so note to the board to write down thoughts and be ready to debrief

b. PRCA Conference – Scheduled for November 30th-December 4th to be sure to get to Brian if able to attend. This is suggested for those board members who have not attended.

c. Rotary – Blue Gate – Doc Harms

The Blue gate that Rotary manages wants to ask about a 5-year naming of that gate in honor of Doc Harms. Fair Board is requesting more information on what it would look like or more specifics. Rotary is Considering contributing towards the new building.

d. Rotary Auctions -4 box seats for a rodeo and a backstage tour with a fair board member.

7. Good of the Order

a. Check Signers

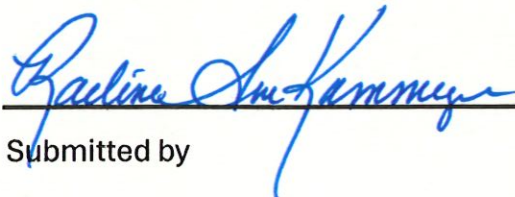
i. October 2 __Sara__

ii. October 16 __Raeline__

b. Board Member Comments – Kristin shared that someone she knew bought tickets that were not valid. It was handled very well by Megan. Sara shared that the livestock showing went very well. Jake shared that there is more positive support for the new building for livestock shows. Raeline shared that the static exhibits were very well represented. Loren shared that the Rodeo went very well and the VIP dinners were great.

8. Next regular Fair Board meeting 4:30pm, October 28, 2026, Horning Hall.

9. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm


Submitted by



Date