



Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Humboldt County Fair Association
Meeting of the Governing Board
Board of Director's Meeting

Monday, June 1, 2026, at 5:00 PM
In-Person – Board Room

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

___ Andy Titus	___ Lawrence Dwight	___ Greg Gomes	___ Clint Duey
___ Sandy Hanks	___ Darren Hansen	___ Johanna Rodoni	___ Wayne Wilson
___ Ben Hawk	___ Hollie Miller	___ Vacant	

3. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT: President Andy Titus

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This time is provided for members of the public to address the Committee or to submit written communications not on this agenda. Comments are restricted to three (3) minutes per speaker, and unused time shall not be transferred to other speakers. Board Members may respond to statements however the Committee cannot discuss or take action on a matter not listed on the agenda.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Matters under Calendar Items are considered routine by the HCFA Board and will be enacted upon by one motion, unless a specific request is received by a Director or requested by the member of the public. The Administrative Items will not be read. There will be no discussion of these items unless pulled for discussion.

- a. Review and Approve Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2026

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Receive and file.

- a. Executive Committee – Presented by Andy Titus
- b. Finance Committee – Presented by Clint Duey
- c. Livestock Committee – Presented by Johanna Rodoni
- d. Junior Livestock Committee – Presented by Mandy Marquez
- e. Dairy Heifer Replacement Committee – Presented by Sarah Mauney/Brice Titus
- f. Racing Committee – Presented by Greg Gomes
- g. Marketing and Entertainment – Presented by Lawrence Dwight
- h. Building and Grounds – Presented by Andy Titus
- i. Nominating – Presented by Clint Duey
- j. Lease Renewal Ad Hoc Committee – Presented by Andy Titus

7. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. A. Consider Approval of the Second Amendment Extending the Lease Agreement Between the County of Humboldt and the Humboldt County Fair Association Through December 31, 2026; Take Action as Appropriate.

- b. Receive 2026 Fair Planning Updates, Make Recommendations to Staff and Take Action as Appropriate.
 - i. Fair Operations
 - ii. Exhibit Program Update
 - iii. Sponsor Outreach Sign-Up Sheet

- c. Receive Preliminary Closeout Report for the May 2026 STAMPEDE Beer, Wine & Music Festival, Make Recommendations to Staff as Appropriate.

8. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

9. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR REPORTS

10. RECEIVE CEO STAFF REPORT

11. NEXT MEETING: June 29, 2026

12. ADJOURN

All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible action.

Notice: This agenda has been posted at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting in a location freely accessible to members of the public, in accordance with the Brown Act. The full agenda packet is also available on the Fair Association's website at <https://www.humboldtcountyfair.org/>. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for consideration by the Board or Committee. The Chair will call for public comment as each item is heard by the Board or Committee. For items not appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments during the Public Comment period for non-agenda items. All speakers are invited to state their names but are not required to do so. If you wish to submit written material at the meeting, please supply 10 copies. Americans with Disabilities Act: Individuals requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting are requested to contact the Fair Association Office at (707) 786-9511. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Fair Association to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

HUMBOLDDT COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
1250 5th Street, Ferndale, CA
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Monday, April 27, 2026 at 5:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Titus.
2. Roll Call: Directors present: Andy Titus, Lawrence Dwight, Clint Duey, Greg Gomes, Sandy Hanks, Darren Hansen, Johanna Rodoni and Ben Hawk. Staff Present: Moira Kenny. Public present: Linda Stansberry, Hannah Van Duzer, Kelly and Gianna O'Day, Robert Jimenez, Marco Luna and Matthew Butterick.
3. President's Announcement: None
4. Public comment on non-agenda items: None
5. Consent Calendar Items: Director Duey requested that item B6 be pulled. Director Duey moved to approve the remainder of Consent Calendar Items. Director Gomes 2nd. No discussion. No public comment. Motion passes.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a, Executive Committee: Director Titus stated they held a meeting and items will be discussed later in the agenda.
 - b. Finance Committee: Director Duey stated they had reviewed all of the financial reports in the consent calendar. He had B6 pulled to discuss the payoffs needed from the JLA. They are Avelar \$3,445 and Creations Body \$15,008. Director Rodoni moved to approve. Director Hansen 2nd. No discussion. No public comment. Motion passes.
 - c. Livestock Committee: No meeting. Tagging day went well. 51 steers were tagged. No discussion. No public comment.
 - d, Junior Livestock Auction Committee: Will have a meeting in May.
 - e. Dairy Heifer Replacement Committee: None
 - f. Racing Committee: Nothing to report.
 - g. Marketing and Entertainment: Director Dwight reported there had been no official meeting. There is more information in main agenda.
 - h. Building and Grounds: There had been a walk thru of the grounds and the sound barrier material had been discussed.
 - i. Nominating Committee: Nothing to report
 - j. Lease Renewal Ad Hoc Committee: There will be a meeting on Thursday at 10:30 am.
7. New Business Items:
 - a, Receive 2026 Fair Planning Update: Moira reported all the mid -way entertainment has been booked. Contracts for Livestock show staff have been signed. Admissions contract is being worked on and the parking contract conversations are under way. Sponsor packets and list was passed out to board members.
 - b. Receive 2026 Exhibitor Guidebook Updates: Hannah has been working hard to complete. In trying to encourage exhibit entries if you enter 5+ exhibits you will get one free pass(livestock exempt). Dr. Mott will be livestock vet and declaration forms for livestock exhibitors will need to be given out. There will be a few price increases, camping fees will increase and the turn out pens for livestock will increase to \$100. Entry fees will also increase in some divisions. A motion by Director Duey was made to approve the exhibitor guidebook with the reasonable corrections. Director Hansen 2nd. No discussion. No public comment. Motion passes.
8. Old Business items:
 - a. Receive May 2026 Stampede Festival Updates: Moira reported that posters and flyers are being distributed, including areas like Willow Creek and Benbow. There has been roughly \$4000 in pre-sale tickets online so far and \$4000 in box sales. There will be a cruise given at the concert. No public comment.
 - b. Receive CR Rodeo Fundraiser agreement: CR supports the rodeo going forward but cannot be involved in putting it on. Kelly and Gianna O'Day would like an agreement to put on the CR Rodeo Fundraiser. An Ad Hoc committee made of of Directors Dwight, Gomes and Hansen and Hawk will help, The pricing will be same as previously discussed. Director Hansen moved to approve the agreement for the CR Rodeo Fundraiser with Kelly and Gianna O'Day. Director Gomes 2nd. No

discussion. Public comment: Linda was confused as it was not on the agenda for a public 501 C3 to take on this event. Motion passes. Marco Luna spoke for Dr. Flamour saying he is in full support of the Rodeo. Kelly said they are quite humbled to see the support behind this event.

9. Closed Session: The meeting went into closed session.

10. Report out of Closed Session: Nothing to report.

11. The next meeting will be June 1, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.



Humboldt County Fair Association

Staff Report – 7.a 2026 Second Amendment to Humboldt County Lease Agreement

TO: Board of Directors, Humboldt County Fair Association

FROM: Moira Kenny, CEO

DATE: May 29, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Second Amendment to Humboldt County Lease Agreement for Operation, Management, and Maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds

Recommended Action:

Approve the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement for Operation, Management, and Maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds, extending the term of the agreement through December 31, 2026, contingent upon the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors establishing an ad hoc committee to meet regularly with the Fair Association's Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of negotiating a Third Amendment or successor agreement prior to December 31, 2026, and authorize the Board President to execute the amendment.

Background

The Humboldt County Fair Association operates the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds under a Lease Agreement with the County of Humboldt. The current lease term expires on June 30, 2026. The proposed Second Amendment would extend the lease term through December 31, 2026, providing additional time for the County and the Fair Association to negotiate a longer-term agreement.

In anticipation of the lease expiration, the Fair Association Board established an Ad Hoc Committee to work with the County regarding future lease terms and the continued operation of the Fairgrounds. The committee met and subsequently requested a joint meeting with County representatives. While members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors were unable to attend, County administrative staff participated in discussions regarding lease renewal timelines, state compliance requirements, governance considerations, and operational responsibilities.

Following these discussions, the Fair Association's Ad Hoc Committee recommended that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors establish a corresponding ad hoc committee to meet regularly with representatives of the Fair Association. The goal of these meetings is to facilitate ongoing communication and negotiation between the County and the Fair Association and to develop a Third Amendment or successor agreement prior to the December 31, 2026 expiration of the proposed extension.

Approval of the Second Amendment will allow the County and the Fair Association additional time to continue negotiations while ensuring uninterrupted operation, management, and maintenance of the Humboldt County Fairgrounds.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with approval of the Second Amendment. All other terms and conditions of the existing lease remain unchanged.

Attachments

1. Second Amendment to Lease Agreement for Operation, Management, and Maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds.

**SECOND AMENDMENT
LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION, MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR AND FAIRGROUNDS
BY AND BETWEEN
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
AND
HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**

This Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement dated July 1, 2020, as amended on June 24, 2025, by and between the County of Humboldt, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and the Humboldt County Fair Association, a California nonprofit corporation, hereinafter referred to as "ASSOCIATION," is entered into on this ____ day of _____, 2026.

WHEREAS, COUNTY owns the Humboldt County Fairgrounds located in the City of Ferndale ("FAIRGROUNDS"); and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 25906 authorizes COUNTY to contract with a nonprofit corporation to conduct an agricultural fair in Humboldt County for such period and under such conditions as COUNTY may determine; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, COUNTY and ASSOCIATION entered into a Lease Agreement regarding the operation, management and maintenance of the FAIRGROUNDS; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, COUNTY and ASSOCIATION agreed to amend the Lease Agreement in order to extend the term thereof; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and ASSOCIATION now desire once again to amend the Lease Agreement to further extend the term thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. Section 4 – Term of the Lease Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:
 4. TERM
 - A. This extension shall begin July 1, 2026, and remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2026, unless extended by a valid amendment hereto or sooner terminated as set forth herein.
2. Except as modified herein, the Lease Agreement dated July 1, 2020, shall remain in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Second Amendment and the original Lease Agreement, the provisions of this Second Amendment shall govern.

[Signatures on the following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Second Amendment as of the first date written above.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION:

By: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:

By: _____

Date: _____

Mike Wilson, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPROVED:

By: _____

Date: _____

Risk Management

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE:

By: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____