



SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD AGENDA

Parks and Fair Admin Conference Room

San Juan County Fairgrounds

Friday, May 8th, 2026

CONVENE MEETING

9:00AM

Attendance: Herb Mason, Jeri King, Mark Hampton, Darlene Hampton, Kevin Roth, Milene Henley, Clinton Gauthier, Leslie Neal, Barbara Bevens, Terri Brown, Amanda Smith

Approval of Agenda: Mark moved. Terri seconded with amendment. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: *April 2026*. Mark moved. Barbara seconded. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: Jane Fuller. Not present.

4-H DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Clinton Gauthier

- We had a successful work party on Saturday. The livestock arena is set as are the pens for swine and lambs. There was renewed interest in getting the livestock tent fixed and people committed to the set-up and take down. I am working on purchasing the necessary replacement parts.
- Reminder about the Leaders Council meeting on May 16th in Marie Boe will start around 8:30 when the first inter island boat gets in.
- We will have our spring weigh-in and showmanship clinic on May 20th from 9:00 - 2:00. I plan to invite the public to see 4-H in action for the clinic part of it and invite perspective auction buyers to meet the youth and livestock during this time. We will also be offering small animal showmanship during this event.
- I brought a couple of 4-H fairbooks to leave here at the fair office in case anyone needs a physical copy, there is a digitally accessible version hosted on the extension office's website.
- I have a draft of the 4-H schedule completed and it is out to leaders for review, I hope to have a finalized version after the May 16th council meeting.
- I am still working on finalizing a couple judges and superintendent positions. I need a dog judge for sure and I need an assistant livestock super, a performing arts super.
- Fair Entry will open for 4-H on June 1st and remain open until July 19th. I plan to visit the other islands to help get youth registered and answer any fair questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vendor Update
 - Amanda shared vendor maps with the Board detailing the vendors signed up for the Food Court, Main Building & Outdoor Vendor Space.
 - Packets included labeled maps and a food court menu. An electronic copy of these materials can be emailed to Board by request.
 - There are 12 remaining outdoor spaces and spaces in the Food Court & Main Building are sold out.



- Sales for the Green Village are slow with only 4 bookings, but several organizations have expressed plans to get a booth. Amanda expects 7 or 8 Green Village booths total.
- Levy Status Implications
 - Amanda read a statement prepared by Brandon broadly laying out projected budget shortfalls but explained that no direction has been given by Council at this time.
 - Council has their first discussion on this topic on Monday, May 11th
 - Staff will keep the Fair Board updated as we learn more.
 - Board asked if Amanda knew if Council planned to go out for the Levy again and she was unaware of any plans.
 - Board members expressed a desire to have an informational booth at Fair to share details about the levy with the community.
 - Board discussed the need to begin to push volunteerism in response to potential budget shortfalls that may affect Fair.
- Pig War Picnic Update
 - Amanda shared that the Pig War Picnic rental contract is fully executed and paid for and that the Kiwanis have shared their layout for staff to put equipment in place as agreed upon.
 - Seasonal ranger Carl Orsi will be onsite for the event to manage trash removal.
- Staffing Updates
 - Amanda shared the names of the Fairgrounds' seasonal rangers: Mandy Heitkamp and Carl Orsi.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Horse Department Updates (agenda item added by Terri Brown)
 - Terri and Amanda met last week to discuss putting together a detailed timeline for the Horse Dept to prepare for Fair.
 - Terri shared that Kristina Bender has stepped into a the 4-H super as she learns from Trisha Arnott and shares her background in military logistics with the department.
 - Vet checks will be mandatory in alignment with WA state guidelines for Fairs. Dr Bessell will be back as the vet this year and will be available on Tuesday 8/11, at 4pm each day before gaming and Saturday morning.
 - Terri expressed that an accurate stall count be collected before erecting the Horse Tent and portable stalls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Fair Board Meeting

June 12, 2026

ADJOURN: 10:03AM