



Fairgrounds Advisory Board Minutes

Monday, July 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm with the following members in attendance:

Board Members Present: Gery Cardenas, Dorothy Elsner, Kristen Keltz, Virginia Learned, Robert Desmarais

Not Present: Monique Brigham, Hank Davies

Staff Present: Aric Gaither

A motion was made to approve the June 2026 minutes and seconded. The motion was approved and passed unanimously.

Board Discussion:

Fairgrounds Events

Highland Games and Grange Convention went great. Gin gave update on Stitching-a-Fair event happening Sept 22-24; May need help with set up on Sept 21 and take down Sept 24. Event is currently half sold out.

Fair Business

Mobile Office set up in west parking lot. Gin will stock with drinks and snacks. Foundation and Board Members encouraged to bring own chair. Dorothy will bring two folding tables.

Aric would like to know Board member availability during the Fair. Will have a text thread to use for board communication during event. Board members to use white board in Fair office to check in and out during the Fair so Aric knows who is around.

Budget & Fair Marketing

Fairgrounds budget is due August 13. Upcoming marketing for the Fair; Skagit Talks interview on July 28 done by Aric, KAPS/KBRC interviews on July 27 done by Dorothy. Fair Guide is available online now, printed copies will be available starting July 23. Big thanks to Hank and Claire for help in proofing the guide.

Event Staffing and Volunteers:

Still need volunteers for Sunday; north gate greeter, garbage pick-up, and building monitors in open class exhibits building. Volunteers age 16 and up, Shifts 2pm-6pm and 6pm-9pm.

Volunteer meeting for the Fair on July 28, 6pm at the Fairgrounds. If you know interested volunteers contact Aric.

16 days until Gates OPEN and we soar!!

Adjourn 5:58PM