

# BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD

## Regular Meeting

April 4, 2001

### AGENDA

- Minutes Approved
- Guests
- Bills approved for payment
- Re-appointment of Advisory Board Members -
  - Bonnie will send letter for this; they do not have to fill out form.
  - Any new ones? There can be 10 max.
- OFA Meetings –
  - Area 8 Meeting in John Day – Curtis & Bonnie went
  - Spring Conference Meeting in The Dalles – May 4 & 5
- Events - Shriners Kids Rodeo will be Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in the beef arena, exhibits in the Community Center, displays on the grounds around that area. Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> they will use the same area plus the rodeo arena. Final plans will be confirmed next week. They are going to have a cowboy bingo with ½ the proceeds going to the fairgrounds building fund.
- Sponsorship – it is looking very good at this time!
- County Funds – we have our \$5,100.00 transferred to our account from the county.
- New Computer – we need a new computer, this one is getting slower, we cannot use the scanner because it is too much work for it and it would be horrible if it died just before fair. The one we got from Pioneer Bank was not that much newer and therefore was not worth the time to reload and reprogram it. The county cannot come through for us with this until possibly next year. It would be a good & much needed investment. Bill Lee can order a new one for \$1000. – 1200. The county will load all the programs and keep it updated and serviced at no charge.
- Grounds Planning –
  - East Street was approved to be vacated by the City Council with D Street only being graveled.
  - The BBL would like to meet with the fairboard on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Library.
  - Other -

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FAIR BOARD MEETING  
April 4, 2001**

**Attendees:**

Chuck Buchanan  
John Leonard  
Mark Bennett  
Allen Hack  
Howard Britton  
Jim VanDuyn

Curtis Jacobs  
Nellie Forester  
Janice Cowan  
Robin Hack  
Wayne Lewis

Fred Cockram  
Bonnie White  
Jerry Herbes  
Jennifer Hack  
Gloria Lewis

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Fred moved, Chuck seconded, to approve the minutes of March 7, 2001, passed unanimously.

Wayne Lewis was present to bring us up to date on the Spring Fever Celebration, May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. They were planning to have bingo but have discovered they have to have a state permit, Janice found the fair / 4-H by-laws where it stated that it was permissible as long as the profit didn't exceed \$2000.00. Wayne will check into this. They will have the Shriners Kids Rodeo, horse auction, draft horse show and clinics. The Elks Cowboy Ball will be at the Elks Club. Any profit from this weekend will go to the fairgrounds building fund.

Jim VanDuyn brought some prospective building plans. A builder has told him that a single slope roof rather than a ridged A frame roof would be stronger and more economical. The builder thinks we could go 176' X 300 and get more seating built also.

It has been proposed that the community center be moved over next to the current armory. This would provide more exhibit space for the fair. Fred feels that if the building is going to be moved that the armory project will have to pay for it, not the fair board.

Allen asked about the placing of the wash racks, scales, animal receiving, loading, etc. We need more input from the 4-H, users (renters) and community. Fred mentioned using the old beef arena on the north side of the building to house that.

Howard Britton was present to discuss the property off Grove Street north of our small empty lot. It is in an estate and may be possible to purchase through negotiations. Fred moved and Nellie seconded that we recommend the county buy this property. Passed unanimously. Fred also suggested that the fair board help with the purchase. It may be possible to obtain regional strategies money, which could be used for that purpose.

East Street has essentially been vacated for now, the main condition is that D Street is graveled as soon as possible. Later it would have to be paved, curbed, guttered, and sidewalks. It has passed the first two readings by the City Council, but is still not "finalized". A site plan has to go with the permit application. The Planning Commission is who the conditional use permit process has to pass through. According to Mark Bennett, they can't specify where the building is placed but can delay the process based on public input. At this point, there are several talking about where the building should be placed. Fred stated that the board feels their idea is the best for the property.

Fred moved that the pavilion be placed between the rodeo pens and Leo Adler ball field, and to have Jim VanDuyn put together some drawings to that effect so we can get the conditional use permit process started. John seconded the motion, passed unanimously after discussion.

Nellie moved that we approve the idea of moving the Community Center over alongside of the existing armory. John seconded, motion passed. Moving the building will cost roughly \$100,000.00. The beef arena part would be dismantled and erected at a later date.

Chuck provided several specs on a new computer. Bonnie will take the details to Bill Lee and see what he can do through the county. Fred moved, Nellie seconded to approve the purchase of a new computer if the bid was under \$1,200.00, passed unanimously.

Curt and Bonnie went to the Area 8 Meeting in John Day last Saturday. At the present time, the state funding has not been approved by the legislature. Grant County Fair is working on building a 100 X 150 exhibit pavilion that would also serve as their community center. Harney County Fair has almost depleted their reserve cash fund because of rising costs and lower attendance. They are also having problems with their fair board attendance. Malheur County Fair is discussing the idea of rebuilding some of their old barns or building a new extra large structure. Themes and current projects were discussed. Bonnie Van Atta reported that the State Fair would like all the county fairs to kick money back to help operate the state fair; this is still in the discussion stage.

Jerry and Allen's terms on the advisory board expired in December. Bonnie would like to start sending letters to request the re-appointments of board members before they expire for the advisory board and fair board. This would present a unified front to the county and keep everyone involved as well as informed of what's going on.

Sponsorship is going well. Bonnie has deposited \$3000.00 with approximately another \$3,000.00 committed.

Master Gardeners are growing a good selection of plants to fill the barrels and planters for the fairgrounds. They may also do hanging baskets to hang on the different barns and then sell them.

Chuck moved and John seconded to pay all bills presented. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, 2001 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by:

Chuck Buchanan, Secretary  
Baker County Fair Board

Approved by:

  
Curtis Jacobs, Chairman  
Baker County Fair Board