

**BAKER COUNTY
FAIR BOARD MEETING
February 7, 2001**

Attendees:

Chuck Buchanan
John Leonard
Allen Hack
Bob Savage, Elks Club

Curtis Jacobs
Nellie Forester
Bonnie White

Fred Cockram
Robert Borgen
Jim Van Duyn, Guest

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Fred moved and Chuck seconded that we approve the minutes of January 3, 2001 meeting, passed unanimously.

Jim Van Duyn was here to let us know that he had done the work on the application to vacate East Street. He explained that he was bypassed by the county and never got the chance to submit what he had done. Jim offered to help us put together a bid package for the pavilion. He will work with Fred on this.

Bob Savage was here to offer assistance on the part of the Elks Club in whatever help might be needed. He offered labor in tearing down some of the buildings to any resources that were available through their club. They would like to help anyway they can. They would also like to be informed as the building stage progresses. Bob mentioned we need to look into more permanent seating for the rodeo grounds, they will have larger bleachers this year to accommodate the crowd. They are looking into getting the ESPN here for the bull riding.

Bills were presented, Nellie moved, John seconded, that we pay the bills, passed unanimously.

We have new rental contracts. There are a few areas that need some slight changes that Bonnie will check with the county attorney on. We will rent out only the gray tent (20'X40') not the blue one and not rent the p.a. system.

Bonnie met with Brian Cole last week. Discussion was general about the fair grounds buildings, etc. He mentioned there might be some extra funds available for improvements for this year. Bonnie will work up a proposal.

Wayne Lewis has tentatively reserved Saturday, April 7th for the Shriners Kids Rodeo in the Beef Arena, but would also like to have the option of using the rodeo grounds in March for the event. He asked about cost for the rodeo arena. It would be the same (\$50.) for this, given the situation.

Bonnie has mailed out sponsor packages to approximately 40 businesses. She would like to have a nice 4' X 8' sign made to recognize these sponsors at fair. We need to show recognition for any donation that we receive. Bonnie will check into some of the names given that make signs to see what it will cost.

Bonnie would like to start on the budget this month for the next fiscal year. She will meet with Fred on this.

Bonnie has met with Mark Bennett, the new county liaison working on the Armory Project. He is working on vacating East Street. The city council meeting is in two weeks at which this proposal will be presented. Mark wanted to know if we needed any or all of the existing pavement for the building

area, Fred had already talked to them about this and felt that they could use some of it for the base to improve D Street.

Fred has received commitment from the Armory that we can use the facility anytime we need it with advanced notice. So the 2002 transition will be smooth.

Bonnie would like to walk through the Armory to see the floor plan and make any notes for changes or repairs that might need to be budgeted for.

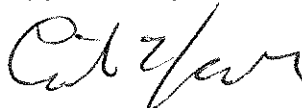
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 7th, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:



Chuck Buchanan, Secretary
Baker County Fair Board

Approved by:



Curtis Jacobs, Chairman
Baker County Fair Board