BAKER COUNTY FAIRBOARD MEETING MARCH 05, 1997

PRESENT: Chuck Buchanan, Nellie Forrester, Susie Bennett, Gerald Colton, John Leonard, Rob Wright, Jo Jenson, Marge Hall, C. Hooker, Colleen Taylor, J.P. Waite, Heidi Taylor, Jerry Herbes, Dick Herbes, Annette Cockram, Fred Cockram, Curt Jacobs, and Janice Cowan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Nellie moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as sent. Fred seconded. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Haines Rodeo Association contingent was present. They are still unhappy with our renting of the arena for a rodeo over the 4th of July weekend. They do not feel that this is very supportive of the rest of the County. Annette stated that she is the one who rents the facilities, not the Fair Board. If someone comes to her to rent something, and that facility is open on the day in question, she will rent the facility. The contingent from Haines will go back to their board, and tell them that the grounds here are going to be rented on that weekend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nellie moved that our new round tables not be taken out of the Extension building. John seconded. Passed unanimously.

The bill were discussed. Chuck moved that we pay the bills. John seconded. Passed unanimously.

Fred moved that we adopt the proposed rental schedule, which was presented at the Work Session with the Elks, with the addition of the rental schedule for the open field at the north end of the grounds. John seconded. Passed unanimously.

Fred read a letter from John McCulley, concerning Fair funding from the State. Currently the proposed State budget contains nothing for Fairs.

We have received a letter from Harney County inviting us to the Spring Conference. They have also asked for \$50.00 to help cover expenses, and they also want a couple of door prizes. Fred moved that we send the \$50.00, and set aside \$25.00 for door prizes. Chuck seconded. Passed unanimously.

Annette asked if we could possibly change the food vendor rate from a percentage to a flat rate. Fred moved that we charge a flat rate

of \$150.00. Nellie seconded. Passed unanimously.

We need to work on sponsors for the concert. We will also work on getting sponsors for the petting zoo, so that they do not have to charge admission.

Fred moved that we try to get the band "Roughstock" as our first choice for the Fair concert. Second choice would be Ron Lloyd. John seconded. Passed unanimously.

The guys renting the arena for rodeos are looking for somebody to sell refreshments at the rodeos. Two suggestions were the Lions Club, and The Eagles Auxiliary.

Century West Engineering is the company which has been selected to develop the master site plan for the Armory, and the Baker, and Halfway Fairs. the site plan will cost \$25,000.00. Funding has come from quite a few sources. Work on this plan will be starting the middle of March, and the final report should be out by May 31, 1997.

Nellie moved that we authorize an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 to buy gates, and panels to build a catch pen. Fred seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Chuck Buchanan, Secretary Baker County Fairboard

cc: Baker County Court