

BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD
Regular Meeting
March 7, 2001

AGENDA

- **Minutes** - approved and signed
- **Guests**
- **Bills** - approved for payment
- **Update on future fairgrounds plans, ideas, finalize.** This is a big and very important subject that needs our immediate attention. (see Floyd's letter) We must have community support and partnerships to make it all work for 2002 and 2022. Baker County has immense potential if the project has this support.
- **Theme** - "Chick Us Out!"
- **Fair Family of the Year** - (see sheet)
- **Sponsorship Update** - 500 pd. Wildhorse Casino, 250 Robbins, (Britt, Elks, Clarke & Clarke, have all verbally committed) I'm applying for gift cert. from Bi-mart, US Bank grant and AAUW grant.
- **County Contribution** - \$5,100.00 (3,600 for sheep pens and 1,500 for flower barrels / benches).
- **Schedule Meeting Update** – meeting went well last night, new schedule is in place and will go to Leaders Assoc. for final approval on Monday, March 12th.
- **Pee Wee Show** - move from the 4-H division to open class with a wavier release signed. It is not a 4-H class.
- **Grounds Plan for 2001 Fair** – Bonnie would like approval / support from the fair board to make some minor adjustments / moves to enhance the current grounds. All changes will benefit and revive each division / area. We have some new volunteers to do the work.
- **Budget** – 2001-2002 budget work papers are due March 10, 2001. Can we meet Friday 3-9-01 morning?
- **Computer** – our computer is getting slower each day, I cannot use the scanner and other tools as it is too weak, I have asked the county several times for a newer replacement but they have none. If we purchased one the county would probably load the programs for us (value of 500 – 1000). And it would be ours.
- **IAFE** – it would be good for our fair to join the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. I am familiar with this organization, it is a great resource and at \$50.00 per year it is well worth it.
- **Rental Charges** –
- Small room could be \$35. not \$25. - since the kitchen is open for any use.
- Tables and chairs used by ones that have rented the community center / extension bldg. Should be charged at a discount rate. Say \$1.00 a table when you rent the facility, that would be another \$50. for 50 tables. Or basic room rent comes with 20 tables, any over rent for \$2.00 per day/pc. ???
- Loan 50 chairs and 50 tables to Baker High School for Career Day on April 5, 2001? They will pick up.
- **Shriners Kids Rodeo** – date changed from April 7th to May 5th. They are working on a weekend event with clinics, demos and the horse auction on Sunday, May 6th. They have also agreed to help me at the Fair.

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Attendees:

Chuck Buchanan
John Leonard
Bonnie White
Jerry Herbes
Charlene Wendt
Ken McPheron

Curtis Jacobs
Nellie Forester
Mark Bennett
Dick Herbes
Joyce Aldrich
Mark DeLong

Fred Cockram
Robert Borgen
Janice Cowan
Steve Bogart
Kay Markgraf

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Nellie moved, John seconded that we approve the minutes of February 7, 2001 meeting, passed unanimously.

Joyce Aldrich, Charlene Wendt and Kay Markgraf were here representing 4-H. The 4-H people will be providing some input into the layout of the new facilities.

Ken McPheron and Mark DeLong were here from the Elks Lodge. They would like to know what the plans are for the future fairgrounds. John stated that there were no complete plans at this time. They think the new facilities should be located north of the rodeo grounds. They feel there would not be enough access for the use of the rodeo grounds and too much congestion. The fair board stated that the primary purpose of the fairgrounds is for the 4-H and FFA and not the bull-riding event. They have enough corral space, but would like to have the new facility outside the board fence because of pen space and work area before and during the event. Fred stated that the fair board would contact the Elks when the plans were definite.

Mark Bennett was present to update the fair board on the progress of the armory / conference center. The committee should know by next week what the dimensions of the armory site will be. All they know at this point is the project needs 2.2 acres. There is a meeting with the City Planning and Zoning on March 21, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. to decide on the vacating of East Street. The appraisals were finished this morning and the report should be completed by the end of the month.

Joyce Aldrich expressed her concern about the 4-H program and the fair in how it is so important to the community. With past comments made about possibly moving the fair off the current fairgrounds area, etc. The board assured the 4-H that the fair would be located here, in this area.

The suggestion was made that maybe the new facility should run east and west rather than north / south. Also suggested was to have the first phase be a shorter structure and add on later.

It has been proposed that since the fair is advertised as being 4 days, we should start the showing on Wednesday and bring in all animals on Tuesday. There was a schedule meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, it went very well. The schedule will be presented at the next leaders meeting for final approval before the last judges are contacted.

This years fair theme is "Chick Us Out!" Chickens and roosters will be highlighted with contests and prizes for everyone.

Bonnie would like to begin an annual recognition of "Fair Family of the Year" award. It would be simple to do and a good public relations move. Nellie moved that we do this, Chuck seconded, passed unanimously.

Bonnie has gotten several sponsorship commitments as well as a new \$500.00 from Wildhorse Casino. She has and will apply for corporate grants (sponsorships) one being planned for a Rock n' Relax area where new mothers can relax, change and nurse their babies. (Family Friendly)

We have received a county contribution of \$5,100.00 to be used on new sheep pens and flower barrels and benches for the fair.

Bonnie has met with Elks about a fair sponsorship instead of a rent increase as well as helping in labor and equipment use to shape up the grounds (parking lot, back lots, weeds, leveling, etc.) The Elks would like to work with us and help with some grounds projects.

The pee wee showmanship needs to be moved from the 4-H division to open class in the fair book. It is not a 4-H class and is not covered under 4-H. Bonnie will work with the people who oversee this contest and revise specific rules for the book along with a signed liability wavier that will be required before any showing. All animals used will be 4-H exhibits that are entered in the fair.

Bonnie is working on some minor grounds changes for this year's fair. She would like to meet and work with people from each specie (superintendents) to make the grounds more user friendly as well as encouraging more public attendance.

The computer in the fair office is about shot. We need to check into getting a newer one. Bonnie has been trying to get one from the County but has had no luck.

IAFE (International Associations of Fairs & Expositions) membership for a fair our size is only \$50.00 per year. They offer great resources, publications and benefits to their members. John moved, Fred seconded that we join IAFE, passed unanimously.

Room rent and table rent fees were discussed. Small room should be raised to 35. From 25. And tables should be rented at a reduced fee for basic renters of bldgs.

Baker High School would like to borrow 50 tables and chairs for Career Day on April 5, 2001. They will come pick them up and bring them back. John moved to loan the chairs stating they will pay for any / all damages as well as they will reciprocate some time in the future. Chuck seconded, passed unanimously.

Shriners Kids Rodeo has been moved from April 7th to May 5th with more activities planned for the weekend event. Wayne Lewis is keeping the fair office updated on the progress.

Bills were presented for payment, Chuck moved, Nellie seconded to pay the bills, passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by:



Chuck Buchanan, Secretary
Baker County Fair Board

Approved by:



Curtis Jacobs, Chairman
Baker County Fair Board