FAIRBOARD MEETING MAY 6, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as handed out.

We have a copy of a Regional Strategies Grant Application which will let us apply for a grant to use to put new lights in the Rodea Arena. Nellie moved, Chuck seconded, that we do this. Passed unanimously.

The Elks would like permission to build box seats, one set on each end of the announcers stand. This would be VIP seating. They feel they have enough room to do this. There would be a person to guide people through the chute area. Also Mark Ward would like to spray the weeds in the arena area. He would supply the equipment. John moved, Fred seconded, that we give them permission to do this. Passed unanimously. Also, Curt will check with Mark about spraying, and will talk to the County about chemical.

Elks are also asking about having a 220 volt outlet put in at the North End of the Grandstand. They have a quote of \$1700, which seems excessive. They are apparently on the court docket to ask for the money to do the electrical work.

The Fairboard was not informed ahead of time that they were going to do this.

Part of the Elks plan for more outlets includes another circuit and some more 110 volt outlets. Enough additions could require a new service, which may be part of the \$1700 quote.

Tiny Jones was present asking why we don't put together a Bond Election so we can "Do this thing right". Fred replied that we are going to do it right. Design will be based on input from a large number of interested parties, including horse groups, etc. We would prefer to build it with grant money, etc. A bond election would be hopefully a last resort.

Chuck moved, Nellie seconded, that we pay the bills. Passed unanimously.

The Beef Judge has changed. The original judge couldn't make it.

Nellie gave a report on OFA Spring Conference. OFA has tabled the reorganization plan because there was so much objection to the whole idea. We get to stay in our current area. Tillamook hosted the conference.

The roofs on some of the barns are starting to fall in. We need to look into the necessary minimum repairs needed to get by, since eventually these barns will disappear.

Our new Powder River Panels are here. However, they are the short ones. Mike Hutton is working on trading for Rodeo size panels.

One of the advisory board people is upset because nobody calls to tell him when the meetings are. This is not common practice anyway. Meetings are automatically the first Wednesday of every month. John will talk to this person to try to straighten things out.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by

Chuck Buchanan, Sec. Baker County Fairboard

Fairboard Attendees May 6, 1998

Chuch Buchanan Curt Jacobs Fred Cockram John Leonard Nellie Forrester Annette Cockram Janice Cowan Ken McPheron Tiny Jones Rod Mehl Allen Hack Susie Bennett Jerry Herbes Dick Herbes