

**Baker County Fair Board
Minutes of April 1, 2009
Board Meeting**

Members Present: Chairman Ron Rowan, Vice Chair Dean Defrees, Rob Ellingson, Mark Johnson, Ann Kniesel, Tony Britt

Members not present: Dan Morris

Advisory Board Members Present: Janice Cowan

Advisory Board Members Not Present: Donna Lowry, Cory Parsons

Guest: none

Staff: Colleen Taylor

V Chair Dean Defrees called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Public Comment Period: None

Minutes: Mark moved and Dean seconded to approve the minutes for the March 1st meeting. Board members passed the motion.

Financials: Financials were reviewed. Ann moved to approve and Tony seconded, motion passed by members. The board reviewed floor cleaning and waxing bid in the amount of \$1612.80 for the Extension Bldg from Hurley Building Maintenance. The board consensus was to not accept bid at this time.

Correspondence: Oregon Fairs Association Spring Conference information received. Board requested that Colleen research flying to conference since it was in Coos County. One night of lodging will be covered by OFA for Colleen because she is an alternate director.

Old Business:

Community Center Construction: Mark Johnson reviewed the schedule of work on the Event Center. A-Core is completing the grinding of the cement at this time.

Grant Funding: Ann reported that additional information was provided to USDA. Current grant requests being completed is to the TRTC and Baker County Economic Development Committee. Discussion held on grants available. Parks and Recreation does not have funds for the building, however, may have funds available for improvements on the corner lot. Board agreed to have Ann visited with Rob Palmer of Grass Growers for an estimate on a sprinkler system and grass.

Event Center Equipment: Colleen reported that the floor scrubber has arrived and works well. Dish Caddies arrived last week and dishes are stored. One more is needed to hold all dishes however will be purchased later. The Baker County Appraiser has 4 metal

desks and has offered them to the Fair Grounds. At this time, the board does have a need for them.

New Business:

4-H/OSU: Janice Cowan shared that the maximum weight limits on Sheep have been raised to 155 lbs and Swine has been raised to 290 lbs. The with in time for Steers has been changed to 7AM to get them completed prior to the Sheep and Swine. We have 42 steers this year for 4-H. Janice also shared that Cory would like a ramp of some kind for the scales to make the weighing of the swine easier. The Board discussed several ideas. Rob Ellingson will construct a wooden one that can be portable and will have a gentle slope. Size will be approximately 4 ft by 8 ft.

Cement Ties – Colleen reported that UPRR has donated 50 cement ties to the Fair board and have another 50 if we should want them. After discussion of uses, the board consensus was to accept all 100 ties. UPRR will deliver the ties to the fair grounds. After receipt, Colleen is to send a thank you note.

Master Plan: Each board member reviewed the existing Master Plan and felt that it was very outdated and would need more time to update. Ron requested that another meeting be set for those members interested in working on the plan and then a draft be presented to the entire board. Board members agreed and the first meeting was set for April 21st at 4:30 PM in the small meeting room of the extension bldg. Colleen will email a remainder out.

The next public board meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2009, 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Colleen Taylor