

BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD
Minutes of August 4, 2004
Board Meeting

Members Present: Vice Chair Dean Defrees, Andy Barr, Lynn Perkins, Mark Johnson

Members Not Present: Bob Borgen (due to car accident), Chair Ron Rowan, Rob Ellingson

Advisory Board Members Present: Janice Cowan

AB Members Not Present: Nellie Forrester

Others in Attendance: Andi Sexton (staff), Commissioner Dr. Carl Stiff, Commission Chair Fred Warner, Jr.

The meeting was brought to order by Dean Defrees and started at 3:10 pm w/o a quorum until the arrival of Andy Barr.

OLD BUSINESS

Fair 2004: We received many favorable comments regarding this year's fair. A few learning experiences with the combination of the Shrine events and Cattlewomen's breakfast, yet, overall all events were a success! We hope to have the Shrine players again next year, as well as the Cattlewomen's breakfast.

Discussion regarding 4H Premiums: Andi and Dean discussed errors found in the 4H premium check requests, prior to checks being run. Janice was present and confirmed the errors. No data or premiums were requested for sheep, swine or goats, only for beef. Checks were run regardless of the errors at the Extension staff request. After all errors are cleaned up Andi will do another check run – most likely the end of September. **Lynn made the motion and Andy 2nd that all livestock (confirmation, showmanship and breeding) classes will be paid premiums. The motion passed with all in favor.** We will revisit market premiums in February 2005 and made a decision based upon existing budgets.

Janice Cowan made the recommendation that for opening ceremonies at the Fair(s) we move the time to 6:30 pm due to schedule conflicts with the sheep fitting contest, and, that the 4H booth be shut down during this time.

A post fair dinner meeting is set for September 15 (potluck). This will be a brainstorming meeting, not a regular business meeting. Notes will be taken for discussion only. Time and place to be determined at a later date.

Community Center Discussion: Mark shared the progress of the community center razing project. The fair board will supply large equipment. Seven engineers will be onsite from the National Guard for the project. The job should take 2-3 weeks, it will be fast! We will have a public auction or sale later, for all the salvaged items. ~~Total project costs are approximately \$20,000. The unit heaters are being salvaged for the Show Barn. Mark estimates a total cost of~~

\$7,100 to setup heating in the Show Barn. We will also save 4 sections of the floor (8x8 or x012) for a dance floor for the Show Barn.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Andy and 2nd by Mark to accept the July minutes with one edit: On 2nd page change the word 'bord' to 'board'. Motion passed with all in favor.

Financial Reports:

The ratification of the bills was postponed until the September meeting when Andi would have the excel documents available.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Regarding Other Projects:

- Andy Barr suggested we do something with the 5 acre field – some sort of beautification project. Andy Sexton shared her idea of somehow changing the fence configuration so contestant parking is at the western most side of the 5 acres, and the back area becomes opened up the Fair and other possible projects.
- It was discussed that we would like to have an electronic reader board put up on the lot where the Community Center is/was. Most likely can seek funds from other service groups (Lyons), TRT grant, etc. Need to get a memo out to all potential partners for discussion.
- Also discussed to have a Gateway to the Fair. Archway over East Street?
- It was also suggested to have the National Guard Architect workup a landscape design for the Community Center lot. Need to figure out chain of command and who to contact.

2. Dean will attend the 4H Leaders meeting. Rachelle will help him with a survey.

3. Andi shared her vacation schedule and office hours that Rachelle would keep.

4. Friends of the Fair: Planning meeting is scheduled for Sept. 3rd, 9:00 am.

Also discussed the Kickoff – to have a dinner show and auction in November. It was recommended to have a dessert auction.

5. Grant Writing Ideas: It was recommended that Andi write a Leo Adler grant for \$100,000 tied to the Old Armory project.

6. Janice asked about the Show Barn availability for the December Bazaar. At this time no heating. If we do an emergency heating project then it can be available.

Respectfully submitted,

Andi Sexton, Fair Manager