

**BAKER COUNTY  
FAIR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2002**

**Attendees:**

Chuck Buchanan  
Donna Lowery  
Laurie Bean

Allen Hack  
John Leonard  
Ron Rowan

Robert Borgen  
Nellie Forrester  
Curt Jacobs

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. There were a couple of changes to the minutes. One was the spelling of the new extension secretary's name; Janice says it is Lynn Dorman. The second correction came from John. He voted against putting electricity back in the Community Center. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Lights and heat are not fully operational quite yet. The Christmas bazaar needs these by Friday if possible. Curt will check with Paul.

The correction to where the money for the tents and greenhouse came from has been taken care of.

The City is dragging their feet on the water hookups for the new building.

It will be less expensive to work on the Armory showers than to put all new shower facilities in the new building. The new building will have restrooms but not showers. We will need to look into that.

We need the City to decide where the water is going to come in, so we know for sure where the wash racks will go.

Donna Lowery was here. She would like to see an open class cattle show, like the open class sheep show. Her idea is to allow the animals to come in and stay. This is something that will have to be looked at for the future. It has possibilities. She feels that with a bigger facility, this would add a new dimension to the Fair. This would be breeding stock, broken up by ages.

Ron moved that we look into having an open class beef show at the 2003 Fair if the logistical issues can be worked out. (Capacity, possible attendance, chairman, etc.). John seconded, passed unanimously.

Janice is concerned about liability coverage for small kids showing large animals. It was mentioned that open class sheep people have to sign a liability release.

Ron feels that the Leaders Association needs to be made aware that we are looking at doing this, for scheduling concerns, etc.

Animal diseases are getting to be more of a concern. We may need to look at stricter controls on sanitation.

Ron met with Mark Bennett and Christina Cook to go over our budget. We have paid about \$104,000 so far, and have a new bill for 60% completion of the new facility, for \$80,000.

Ron feels that we need to work on budgeting for the future because we are stepping into something new.

There is \$24,000 left in the Baker Morrow Partnership for Fair improvement, which has to be used by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is a possibility that the \$21,000 we get annually from the County for rental of the old senior area may be cut. He feels that we need to come up with an itemized list of expenses, etc.

Ron submitted an itemized list of what has been spent so far out of the Baker Morrow money. He thinks we need a committee to come up with a list of things to do with the rest of the money.

He also submitted a list of all of the grants, which have come in for the Armory project, Fair grounds project, etc.

It would probably be a good idea to combine the budget committee and the grant committee.

We need to look at potential revenue from the new buildings. Curt doesn't feel that the buildings will be done before spring. Nellie wondered if there was a completion date written into the contract, including a penalty for passing this date. A quick check of the contract didn't find a date.

Ron moved, Curt seconded, that we have Rob check with the contractor so we can possibly generate some revenue. Passed unanimously.

Allen moved, Ron seconded, that we pay the bills, Passed unanimously.

Curt will check with one of the flower shops to get some flowers set up for the wagon for the auction at Fair convention. He will also check on a centerpiece.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Submitted by  
Chuck Buchanan, Secretary  
Baker County Fair Board