

FAIR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES; 2-5-03

FAIR BOARD ATTENDANCE; Chuck Buchanan, Joe McEnroe, Cheryl Buchanan, Michelle Kaseburg, Bob Savage, Marv Sumner, Ty Sumner, Andy Barr, Donna Lowry, Paul Grove, Michael Cook, Rob Ellingson, Ron Rowen, Curt Jacobs, Allen Hack, Dean Defrees, Robert Borgen, Jerry Herbes, Dick Herbes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM Curt moved, Allen seconded, that we approve the minutes of the last meeting, passed unanimously.

Dean talked about the budget, based on advice from the county, \$5500. for Halfway Fair will no longer come through the Fair Board, it should be coming from the general fund.

Our Insurance has nearly doubled, Rob thinks it's possible that the county has expanded our portion of the insurance payment.

Elk's (Marv Sumner & Bob Savage) were here to let us know When the bull riding & Bronc riding will be, JULY 18th & 19th.

Ty Sumner was here to check on the possibility of using the rodeo grounds for a two state High School rodeo on MAY 31st & JUNE 1st.

Marv asked about the potential for fencing the rodeo grounds before the bull arama? Rob's impression from the city council meeting is that East St. may be essentially closed at the time that armory construction starts. He feels that if the National Guard says to close it, it will be closed. He thinks something will be done soon. If the street gets closed, it will make fencing easier. Rob is to meet with Ken McPheron about fencing, panels, etc.

Joe McEnroe voiced concerns about the Elk's having to reset the pens, etc. in the rodeo grounds every year before the Bull A Rama. Rob will be working with Ken McPheron on pen lay out, etc. Ken would like to set some tie's and bolt the panels to them. Joe feels the Elk's would like to have more consideration regarding the rodeo grounds. The Elk's would like to have, at least, the grounds cleaned up after other events and the panels put back where they came from, and keep the gates closed.

NEW BIULDING UPDATE; The doors are on the new barn, so it can be secured. We have the engineering drawings for the concession area. The south wall should be in soon, so that there should be power in there shortly there after. Rob is meeting with Beth Phillips to loof into barn layout. Michelle K. suggested getting other livestock superintendent's together at the same time.

Randy Newman is ready to start building panels, but will need a check to get started. He will start with framing some wire panels with steel to use for area fencing, alley's, etc. Mike Cook brought up that some steel framed wire panels could be made up for goat pens. He will talk to Randy about this.

According to Paul, Halfway has brought back all the panels they borrowed.

Rob would like to have a "rock picking party" by the 4H clubs in the new buildings sometime in the next month or two. He will find some place for the rocks, and let Michelle K. know.

We have \$24000 left of the Baker-Morrow money that has to be spent by March 19th. It will mainly go for fencing around the new building, and a concrete sidewalk from the show barn to East St.

Ron went to OFA convention, He thought it was great, and a good learning experience. E-coli is the big issue that was raised. The suggestion was raised that no food be allowed in the livestock barns. The cookshack is another concern. It is possible to take food handling class over the internet. It is also relatively easy to get some one in to put on a class(per Dean). Due to State funding, The Fair Board is going to have to come up with a business plan, and a way to account for all the money.

Ron noted that there were 27 opinions at the community center meeting. He said that there were 12 definitely for tearing down the building, and a few wavering, Rob's feeling is that the older people would like to see it fixed up and the younger set would like to see it tore down, Rob also feels that it would be hard to make it fit in with rest of the plan, and it is in the wrong place for fair use.

Part of the Armory's conditional use permit involves 160 or more parking places. At one point it was envisioned the Extension building would be removed, but the extension building dose generate some income. It came out of today's(Feb.5th) commissioners meeting that the county is responsible for paving & landscaping of the Armory parking area. The possibility was raised again of putting together a bond issue, the money raised would go either to refurbish or to remove the C/C building,

The feeling is that with good advertising, we should be able to find somebody to salvage the C/C building. Dean would like to get a cost estimate for heaters, and some type of portable flooring, for the new show barn, so it could be used for show's, party's, etc.

Ron met with county regarding the Fair Manager position. We have to advertise for a week, then hold interview's, Rob moved, Curt seconded, that this be done. Passed unanimously, Ron volunteered to run this. There will be a county person involved in the interview process. We can only afford to make it a half time position (20 hr's. per week).

Chuck Buchanan's resignation is effective at the close of this meeting, Andy Barr has been recommended as replacement.

Mike Cook and Donna Lowry Have volunteered to be on the Fair advisory committee. It was suggested that Dave Bird be asked to join the advisory board also, Curt will talk to him. KATHY Bloomer was suggested as a possibility from the Durkee area.

Curt moved, Allen seconded it, that we pay the bill's, passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 5th, 2003 at 7:00 PM

Submitted by
Chuck Buchanan, Secretary
Baker County Fair Board