

BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD
Minutes of January 5, 2005
Board Meeting

Members Present: Chair Ron Rowan, Vice Chair Dean Defrees, Andy Barr, Mark Johnson, Rob Ellingson, Bob Borgen

Members Not Present: all present

Advisory Board Members Present: Janice Cowan

AB Members Not Present: Nellie Forrester, due to weather

Others in Attendance: Andi Sexton (staff), Commissioner Dr. Carl Stiff, Commission Chair Fred Warner, Jr., Mike Ferguson of the Baker City Herald, Cassy Sullivan and Jennifer Greenfield of the Oregon Jr. Hereford Association

The Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Vice Chairman Dean Defrees

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Andy Barr and 2nd by Rob to accept the November 30th minutes as submitted. Motion passed with all in favor.

Oregon Jr. Hereford Assoc. Presentation: Cassy Sullivan, President of the Jr. Hereford Association, asked the board for sponsorship of their June livestock show, to be held at the Baker County Fairgrounds. The Association's role is to promote all livestock breeds and youth. Cassy said they are trying to get three states involved in the June show: WA, OR, ID. She also said young kids can show 4H and FFA steers and heifers in the Jackpot Steer Class. They would like to have educational seminars as well. The event is being held June 26, 27, 28th, and she has estimated a total cost to rent our facilities (show barn, livestock barns, kitchen, PA system, panels, bleachers, tables and chairs) to be \$1,200. Cassy said they would be willing to setup everything and clean up, in exchange for a reduced rate. She also said their program includes having Tim DelCurto as a speaker, and a Cattle Producers Dinner. Monday will be the Showmanship Classes, and Tuesday will be the Hereford Show. She estimates 50-75 kids participating. **Dean made the motion to charge \$600 Andy 2nd. After discussion, the motion failed. Rob made the motion to offer a 40% discount on all costs as determined by Andi Sexton, for the Jr. Hereford Association Show, Dean 2nd the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.** Agreed to items: Andi is to draw up a contract with the following: The Jr. Hereford Association will provide setup, cleanup and maintenance of the panels, bleachers, kitchen and restrooms, tables and chairs, trash and provide security. Trailers can be parked in back of the rodeo grounds. Insurance issues are to be looked into by the Jr. Hereford Association.

Financial Reports:

A motion was made by Dean and 2nd by Rob to approve the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Leo Adler Field Maintenance Agreement: Andi is to send the document to Fred Warner Jr. for his review, then to Babe Ruth for their review. Final step will be adoption at a commissioner's meeting.

Grant Updates: Andi informed the board that we were denied a M.J. Murdock Grant. No word from Ash Grove or Jeld-Wen. Oregon Community Foundation grant is in process – due February 2nd.

OFA Convention: Rob will attend.

Recap of Mark and Rob's Meeting with Col. Caldwell and Denny Taylor

Essence of the meeting is to get back on track with a partnership. The armory project took on a life of it's own – plans not shared, and neighbors not included or kept abreast of project as it affected them. We no longer have access into the rodeo grounds via the parking lot, property lines have been changed, access to the Fair buildings from the parking lot is nonexistent, lease agreements are cumbersome. Discussion: To have deeds instead of lease agreements (County Council/Court investigating & working with Pam Van Duyn, Attorney for the Pollman Trust), discussion to swap the existing motor pool with the blue house lot; focus on long term benefits, not short term; have two gates and two entrance/exits into parking lot; cut the curb to allow for access into the rodeo grounds; develop agreement for parking lot usage, possible shared maintenance costs; share landscaping plans with Fair Board, include Fair Board representative – Mark Johnson in plans, put in 8' asphalt sidewalk to allow access from parking lot to fair buildings. Denny Taylor is to report to Col. Caldwell in Mid January with cost comparisons (motor pool vs. blue lot). We are to get possession of Old Armory on March first.

Old Armory Request for Qualifications – A&E: To be sent out this coming Monday. Schedule: Jan 10: Advertise; Feb. 2 – Responses due; Feb. 9 – Board Review of RFQs; Feb. 16 – Decision shared with those that submitted RFQs; June 1 – Construction starts.

Master Plan/Old Armory Public Information Campaign Efforts: We have a presentation to the BCU Friday Forum on 1/14. Ron, Dean, Mark and Andi will be presenting the plans.

NEW BUSINESS

Selection of Board and Advisory Board Members: Rob made the motion the appoint Ann Kniesel to the Board, Dan Peters to the Advisory Board, and Mary Ellen Anderson to the Advisory Board. Dean 2nd the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Election of Officers: Rob made the motion to keep the same slate of officers (Ron Rowan Chairman, Dean Defrees Vice Chair), Andy Barr seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Budget Workshop: Set for February 2nd, 6:00 pm. Pizza provided.

Request for RV Rent: Discussion that if other RV campgrounds are full, then we will allow for RV camping at the Fair Grounds. We have no intention of competing with other businesses that provide this service. Season of use will be April 1 – Set. 30 when electricity and water are available. Rates: \$20 with electricity and water. \$_____ for without.

Rental Rates for Paintball Tournaments: The board set the rental rates for a 2-day event at \$125 for the use of the 5-acre field – this rate is to offset usage of water for watering the grassy area.

Next Board Meeting: We will start at 5:30 pm, Wednesday, February 9, to review the RFQ;s, the board meeting will start at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Andi Sexton, Fair Manager