

BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD
Minutes of July 26, 2006
Board Meeting

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

Members Not Present: none

Advisory Board Members Present: Janice Cowan, Mary Ellen Anderson

AB Members Not Present: Bob Borgen

Others in Attendance: Andi Sexton (staff); Michelle Paoletti of Leadership Baker, Rachel Coomer (staff), Meagan Nelson (staff), Donna Lowry, 4H Association

The Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by Chairman Ron Rowan.

Guest presentations and related new business items from the agenda were addressed prior to the main business portion of the meeting.

Leadership Baker Horse Stalls Project: Michelle Paoletti reported that funds raised to date for the horse stall project are still at \$4,100. This total does not count approx. \$150 raised at a raffle over Miners Jubilee. Leadership Baker will provide salads and beans for the August 2nd Friends of the Fair dinner. They are still planning on selling raffle tickets at the Fair to raise additional money for the horse stall project. Timeline for the stalls: To build them next spring, finalize funding by this Fall. The Dept. of Corrections will be making 'sponsor' signs over the winter to hang on the structure.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dean and 2nd by Ann to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

Financial Documents: Andi did not have the office generated financial documents available at this meeting. The board reviewed the County green bar printouts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Horse Stall Project: Discussed during public meeting session.

Corner Property: Ron did contact Fred Warner, Jr. after last months meeting to see if the curb cuts at the corner property could be made as part of the Campbell Street Project. Fred did get the corner property included in the State project, yet, the work did not get done before the street paving. They will happen at some point.

Event & Community Building Update: Windows and doors are in. Concrete cuts were hard. A lot of cosmetic work needs to be done around the windows. The interior looks much better with the windows and doors. The doors are missing some hardware, should be here by end of the week. Next Steps: A) Sidewalk and canopy for new entrance; B) 'Tricking Out' the windows (have to make bevels); C) Painting interior of exhibit hall

Grant Writing Update: We recently heard back from the MJ Murdock Foundation in response to our letter of inquiry, and were given the 'green light' to submit a full grant application. The Leo Adler grant will also be coming up and is due October 1st.

Recap of National Guard Meeting – July 11, 6:30 am. Rob, Mark and Fred met with James Williford of the National Guard. The most important outcome of the meeting is that the NG does not want to trade property (their compound for the lot across from the rodeo grounds). They would like to finish the corner, see the Green Building come down, and the parking lot completed, all by August of 2007. This puts us into a corner, since we do not have funding for completing the Old Armory project. Other discussions: The Forest Service wants to add on to

the New Readiness Center, buy the blue house lot, and the corner lot. The NG would like to get out of the 99 year lease and trade deeds instead. Mark has the document that has the property appraisals. The appraisals show that the properties are not equal value, with the NG having received higher values in total. Andi is to get the document from Mark for the office files. It was also mentioned that the NG has a conditional use occupancy for the parking lot that expires in 2009. The board would like for Ron to contact Fred to see if he can seek state monies in the form of a loan to finish our project. Ron is also to ask Fred where our \$10,000 is for the asbestos work. Andi is to generate an invoice for Fred, and attach copies of the asbestos bills again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fair 2006:

Andi's Email Requesting 4H Assistance with Cleaning Grounds: Mary Ellen Anderson and Donna Lowry were present to discuss what was intended by Andi's email. Numerous parents are upset with the idea of kids cleaning the restrooms. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the restrooms in the Show Barn are public restrooms, and since the 4H kids are using them for dressing rooms, it would be extremely helpful if the kids picked up after themselves, meaning, their clothes picked up off the floors, no boots washed in the sinks, and to help keep the restrooms presentable for the public. The 4H Association will work on a way to encourage kids to pick up after themselves. It was agreed that there needs to be a separate area for the kids to change.

Straw Boss Update: Andy reported that the straw is being donated by Mib Daly. Donna Lowry said she would bring it in on Sunday Aug. 5th.

Vendors: Rachel reported that we have 3 vendors, no food vendors due to competition with the 4H Food booth.

Sponsors: Rachel reported that to date we have \$8,370 in sponsorship dollars.

Friends of the Fair Grounds Dinner: Ann Kniessel will supervise the inmates on August 1st and 2nd in the Old Armory. The first day will be spent cleaning up the event hall, and painting the corner area. The 2nd day will be to setup for the event. Ron will talk with Katie of FFA about having water at the event. Andy Barr will bring in his arbor for the raffle held during fair. Awards: After a lengthy discussion it was decided to present one award, an Honorable Friends of the Fair Award, to Jerry and Bonnie Colton for their many years of weigh master service. **A motion was made by Ann and 2nd by Rob to acknowledge Jerry and Bonnie Colton as the Honorable Friends of the Fair, 2006. The motion passed with all in favor.** Ron will MC the event, and include in his speech that the dinner is an appreciation to all those that help with fair. The purpose of the Friends of the Fair Grounds will also be to accept donations, accept memorials, and host an annual social event prior to fair. Ribbon Cutting: Get gold scissors. Mark & Rob cut the ribbon. It was pointed out that the grounds need some serious weed work done – around Leo Adler.

Oktoberfest: The Fair Board will not host the Oktoberfest this year. Ann will see if a service group (soroptimist) would like to take it on.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Next Meeting: Tentatively, August 30th, 6pm Dinner Meeting/Fair Recap
at Ann Kniessel's home**

Respectfully submitted,

Andi Sexton, Fair Grounds Manager