

BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD
Minutes of June 13, 2007
Board Meeting

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

Members Not Present: Andy Barr

Advisory Board Members Present: Janice Cowan

AB Members Not Present: Logan Kerns, Holly Kerns, and Donna Lowry

Staff: Colleen Taylor

Others in Attendance: Sheriff Mitch Southwick and Wil Benson (Parole Probation)

Chairman Ron Rowan called the Meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the May 2 meeting were reviewed. **Dean moved the minutes be approved, motion second by Rob, the motion passed with all in favor.**

Public Presenters: Sheriff Southwick and Wil Benson of Parole and Probations visited with the Board on renting the area of the Extension Building recently vacated by New Directions. **Mark moved that we rent the area to Parole and Probation with the tenant responsible for any costs incurred related to improvements to the area. Dean seconded, motion passed with all in favor.** Board recommended that the Parole and Probations change the locks on the building. Board to negotiate with Fred Warner on cost of rent.

NEW BUSINESS: Financial documents. Accounts payable were presented. Accounts receivable were not printed or presented. Colleen will be sure to print all financials for the next meeting. **Dean moved the bills be paid, Rob second. The motion passed with all in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS: Building of horse stalls. Rob reported that Engineering drawings were presented and approved. Tom Hanley will complete the foundation stakes in the next week or so. Rob shared that the permit fee maybe waived.

GRANTS: Andi Sexton, Grant Writer, presented a preliminary report breakdown of the funds spent on Phase 11 to the board (See attached report). Lengthy discussion was held on the amount of funds to be dedicated to the project from the funds in the 351 accounts. This will be revisited at the July meeting after end of fiscal year. Andi and Mark requested that Ann and Colleen meet with Christina to see if sub-accounts could be set up in the 351 account to assist with the tracking of project costs. Colleen to set appointed up for week of June 18.

Andi shared that Leo Adler Foundation had presented us with a \$70,000 check this week a report is needed back to the Foundation on July 1 as to how that money will be spent. Andi will be filing a request for an extension on this report. Andi and Mark will meet to complete the report in the near future.

New grant request were discussed. Rick Minster of OECD visited with Andi and shared that we would be eligible for a \$50,000 grant. This grant would open in July. Our corner lot may also be eligible for a grant through OECD also. Andi will also be submitting an application to the Myer Foundation and Collins. Board would like one of the grants to be ear marked for table and chairs, however, the focus to be on getting Phase II funding.

OLD ARMORY & SHOW BARN UP-GRADES: Mark stated that we should start soliciting bids for the kitchen and bathrooms prior to the fair in hope that we can start work after fair. Board discussion held on projects to be completed and consensus reached to focus on finishing kitchen and bathrooms at this time.

APPRAISAL OF FAIR GROUNDS: Board reviewed completed appraisal of Extension Building provide by Hyde Valuations, Inc. Mark requested that we present the appraisal to the County to have them approach the military for negotiations of trade. Ron requested that Colleen notify Heidi Martin to add the Fair Board to the agenda for the County Commissioners meeting in July. Board requested that the fee for the appraisal be paid from the 251 accounts.

TRACTOR: Rob tractor has arrived and is being enjoyed by Delo.

Elkhorn Classic – Ron reported on a very successful event with 63 attending and increase over last years 32. The highest premium paid out was \$642 to Bailey Bradshaw, and total premium amount of \$2200 was paid out. Concessions were also a success. A carry over on the event of \$562.62 is expected after all added money is paid out.

NEW BUSINESS:

WATER HOOKUPS: Rob shared that the water hookups will be portable by fair time.

2007 FAIR: Colleen reported that advertising had been arranged for the “Spirit of Baker County”, “King of the Kitchen”, and the “Domestic Diva”. Advertising will begin in paper and on radio June 15. Posters for the three contests are completed and are being distributed. Thus far \$3,914.00 in Sponsor money has been received for this year’s fair. Fair buttons have been received. The Prison crews have been arranged for to complete set ups and cleaning. The judge for the “King of the Kitchen” has been arranged. Bram Novak, Barley Brown’s chef, will be our judge. The “Spirits of Baker County” judging will be on August 5th at Barley Brown’s.

BOARD POSITION: Andy Barr has notified the board that he will be leaving his position after the fair this year. Board members were asked to think about names of individuals that may be interested in serving. Colleen to contact Heidi on the procedure for filling this position.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted

Colleen Taylor
Fair Manager