

**BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD**  
**Minutes of June 28, 2006**  
**Board Meeting**

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

**Members Not Present:** Rob Ellingson

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Janice Cowan, Mary Ellen Anderson

**AB Members Not Present:** Bob Borgen

**Others in Attendance:** Andi Sexton (staff); Mellisa Miller and Michelle Paoletti of Leadership Baker

**The Meeting was called to order** at 6:10 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 \$4,100. This total does not include all the raffle donations they have received. They are selling raffle tickets and the raffle will occur on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. They would like to sell tickets at the Fair, which the board was very supportive of. Their goal is to finish the project before winter. The group will also help with the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Friends of the Fair dinner by acting as the caterer and providing the salads and beans.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Dean and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Financial Documents:** Mark made the motion, and Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the financial documents as submitted. The motion passed with all in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Horse Stall Project:** Andi found out from the planning dept. and building inspector that a building permit is required for the horse stall project.

**Event & Community Building Update:** Windows and doors have been ordered for the Event Hall. July 17 is the date for knocking out the concrete. Should be completed by July 23<sup>rd</sup>, as well as a 6 foot sidewalk in front of the doors. Total cost \$15,000-\$16,000. Consensus: For next step to be to complete the awning/canopy after Fair, if funds are available. Estimated cost is \$2,000.

**Grant Writing Update:** Per Mark's suggestion, Andi compiled a list of all grant-writing efforts to date for the Old Armory/Event & Community Center Project since the fall of 2004. The file shows submission dates, amount requested, and resulting efforts. Most recent solicitations (for which we are waiting on a response) include: First Bank/Sterling Bank, Farm Credit Svs., Ash Grove Charitable Contribution Fund, MJ Murdock Charitable Trust.

**Strategy for Funding Phase II of Event & Community Building Project:** Mark is going to rearrange the grant file, and after Fair the board will meet with the Commissioners to discuss efforts to-date, forecasted timelines on grant dollars, and what our needs are to move within this next fiscal year.

**Corner Lot:** Tony has been moving fill from the City road project to the lot. What is available will be moved by July 17<sup>th</sup>. Tony will then contact Terry Schumacher of the Lions Club to see if they are ready to initiate a sprinkler and grass plan. The board would like to have the driveways facing Campbell taken out and replaced with sidewalk. Ron will contact Fred Warner, Jr. to see why this was not part of the State's improvements to Campbell St, and to see if it can be

included. Backup plan: Tony and Mark will work on ripping out the driveways and pouring concrete if Fred does not get the work included into the State project.

**June 9<sup>th</sup> BCU Presentation at Sunridge:** Andi, Rob and Mark attended the BCU Friday Forum, and gave the Phase II presentation of the Event & Community Center Project. In regard to funding strategies, and that the majority of our grants are in the realm of \$10,000 - \$25,000, coupled with the turnaround time to realize huge grants, folks in attendance recommended floating a bond before the voters for the project. Consensus of the board was a bond probably would not pass due to the failure of the library and middle school project requests from voters in May. Discussion was that the County needs to step up to plate and fund the project since it is a county project and time is of the essence for moving our offices and getting on with other fair grounds needs.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **June 27<sup>th</sup> 4H Association Meeting Recap & Fair 2006 Business:**

1. Andy Barr will 1. get bedding straw delivered to the fair grounds on August 7th, 2. get a dump truck for loading waste material, 3. will haul off the material from the Elkhorn Spring Classic, and 4. arrange to get a small tractor with grapple for fair 2006.
2. Tony Britt will help with getting the 'straw dumping area' enclosed with concrete barriers on the sides.
3. RR ties: We will have the inmates put out the RR ties down the center of the beef barn, and clubs will arrange them as needed.
4. Security: We will provide security Tuesday night through Friday night. The 4H Association will coordinate Saturday night's security, with Beth Phillips and Cory Parson taking the lead. The animals won't be able to go to the rodeo grounds until after the demo derby.
5. Show Barn: We will not be power washing the interior of the Show Barn. Consensus was that dust is a part of the Fair.
6. The Fair Association matched our \$500 challenge to go toward the Horse Stall project.

#### **Friends of the Fair Dinner Event:**

1. Arbor: Andy Barr will bring the arbor he made for a raffle item to the Friends of the Fair dinner.
2. Awards: Consensus is to give out lots of awards and acknowledgements.
3. Bottled Water: Katy Rowan of FFA will be contacted to see if FFA wants to sell their water that evening.
4. We are responsible for 20 pies and ice-cream for the 'pie and ice-cream' portion of the evening.

**KIDS (Keep Investing in Dreams for Students) request to have presence at the Fair:** Consensus of board is not to have KIDS group at fair due to controversy of issue, and don't want to appear for or against it.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Andi Sexton, Fair Grounds Manager