

BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD
Minutes of June 8, 2005
Board Meeting

Members Present: Vice Chair Dean Defrees, Mark Johnson, Rob Ellingson, Ann Kniesel

Members Not Present: Ron Rowan, Andy Barr, Bob Borgen

Advisory Board Members Present: Dan Peters, Mary Ellen Anderson

AB Members Not Present: Janice Cowan

Others in Attendance: Andi Sexton (staff), Commissioner Dr. Carl Stiff

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Rob Ellingson and 2nd by Ann Kniesel to accept the May 11 minutes with one change – to note that Dan Peters was in attendance. Motion passed with all in favor.

Financial Reports:

A motion was made by Mark Johnson and 2nd by Rob Ellingson to approve the financial reports and bills as submitted. The motion passed with all in favor. Discussion regarding Elkhorn Classic Jackpot Event: General consensus to have a more detailed report from Catie. Board members would like to see more detail with staff time included as well. It was agreed that Andi would convey to Catie the board's recommendations, once all bills have been received.

OLD BUSINESS

National Guard/Old Armory Issues:

Drill Floor expansion project: Ann Kniesel organized a prison crew to assist with the tare down of the false wall in the Old Armory. Ceiling tiles were also removed on the east end.

Action items: 1.) To organize another work party to remove the remainder of the ceiling panels and the wire lights. 2.) To send out the RFP for the Asbestos project ASAP. 3.) To get these items done before the junior show, as well as electrical distribution.

Parking Lot Issues: We are waiting the for the OMD Agreement and terms of usage. The board expressed a desire to have the County backup our usage needs. Wiliford is to come late July to walk areas of concern. Rodeo Gate: Rob Ellingson is in charge of this project. We will install the gate with our labor, and contract out the concrete apron.

Friends of the Fair: Andi setup a meeting with Al Schmeits for 2:00 pm, July 15th to discuss further expansion of the 501 c process. Ann Kniesel will attend. It was recommended to get all of our materials to Al by Monday, so he is up to date during the meeting.

Friends of the Fair Pie and Ice Cream Social: Date set for July 20th to tag team with BCLA on a pre-fair pie and ice-cream social and to welcome the new OSU Livestock Agent, congratulate Jay on his retirement, and to have an info meeting for the Friends of the Fair. The Friends of the Fair will provide the ice-cream, pies should be homemade. BCLA will provide 15 pies, and so will we. Extra pies will be auctioned off.

Leo Adler Agreement Still in the County's 'court'. Not agreed upon by Little League/Babe Ruth to our knowledge.

Lessons Learned from Elkhorn Classic Jackpot Show: Need to have first aid kit in the show barn. Should have release of liability forms if any injuries occur, and have emt's on hand.

Recap of Budget Hearings: Our requested budget was cut by about \$40,000. Interestingly, Dave Byrd requested \$40,000 from the county to purchase back the Halfway fairgrounds, the same amount we were cut. The Halfway Fair Managers also requested additional monies for software and to increase premiums. The County said it would give Halfway the \$40,000 if they got all the other funding for purchasing the grounds. General consensus of board members that we feel we have worked very hard the last few years, have a Master Plan, successful projects, and are getting cut. Also, will have additional buildings to maintain, and are already using minimal amount of staff hours to do so. Lot of work done to the grounds is done by volunteer work and usage of equipment for free. If need be we will go back to the County to request additional funds if we can't meet our budget, and remind them that the adopted budget was what they had put together.

We will revisit this issue in a couple of months – after fair. Ideas discussed include charging 4H for services such as the meeting rooms and grounds, and portions of the fair.

Recap of 4H Leaders Meeting to Discuss Shrine Game & Fair Auction Conflicts

To Summarize the special meeting held to discuss how to handle the Shrine Game and Fair Auction timing conflicts the following decisions were made: Buyers lunch will start at 11 am; Awards 11:30 am; Auction 12:00 am. The game starts at 12:30 pm. The Shrine Steer will be picked out ahead of time by the Cattlewomen and BCLA, and an offer made for private treaty purchase. Sale committee will work with the child on picking up difference if purchase price is below the average sale. The animal will make it to the game for the game's half-time auction, then back to the Fair Livestock Auction so everyone can see the steer that was selected.

NEW BUSINESS

OSU Agreement: The board reviewed the OSU document submitted by Bob Parker for the \$22,500 grant. Edits are to go back to Bob.

Marquee Project: Bob Evans had asked Andi if she would take the lead on the Marquee project for the corner property (community center site). No other entities have come forward to take the lead on grant writing and facilitating community/stakeholder meetings. This project is #3 on our Master Plan list, and we are currently consumed with the Old Armory project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andi Sexton, Fair Grounds Manager