

BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD
Minutes of March 1, 2006
Board Meeting

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

Members Not Present: Mark Johnson, Ann Kniesel

Advisory Board Members Present: none

AB Members Not Present: Mary Ellen Anderson, Janice Cowan, Bob Borgen

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Ron Rowan.

Due to schedules of our guests the meeting began with guest presentations:

Leadership Baker Project: Michelle and Mellisa were in attendance to hear any concerns from the 4H Horse Leaders. There was miscommunication between Andi and the Horse Leaders; one message said they did not like the proposed location for the horse stalls, and Andi recommended they come to the Board Meeting to share their concerns; and later, they said the location was fine. No horse leaders were in attendance for this meeting. Mellisa gave a brief update on the project – there is a fundraising team, a construction team and a public relations team. They will have a report for the next board meeting. Tony Britt wanted to make sure that the project did not give riding privileges to groups that fund the project. Discussion was that the horse stalls will become the property of the Fair Board, and therefore all Fair Board rental and usage policies will apply to users of the stalls.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dean and 2nd by Rob to accept the minutes with the following changes: Page 1: change the '12 x 12 concrete slab breezeway' to '14x24 concrete breezeway'; and on Page 3: Hire Much More Country..., not Much More County. The motion passed with all in favor.

Financial Reports: Rob made the motion and Dean 2nd to accept the financial reports as submitted. The motion passed with all in favor. Discussion included: The sewer and water bill for the Old Armory appears huge, should be comparable to the Show Barn. Andi is to investigate.

OLD BUSINESS:

Corner Lot: The Ford Leadership Baker class has expressed interested in the Corner Lot as one of their projects. Apparently it is at the top of their list. Carl will talk to Robin to find out where the group is at in terms of project scope, etc. The entire project that the Fair Board has envisioned is approx. \$87,000. The Fair Board looks forward to the Ford Leadership Baker Class' proposal.

Elkhorn Spring Classic Update: Ron shared work to date. Jobs have been assigned to the various volunteers. Mark Coomer, who is raising sponsorship dollars had expressed importance of having the Fair Board's name associated with the event since it gives it more credibility.

NEW EVENTS & COMMUNITY CENTER/OLD ARMORY UPDATES:

March 15th Luncheon: Andi and Ann are handling all the luncheon logistics. Rob and Delo will help with getting the 4H painting crew setup, i.e., taking in the partitions, and taking them back out. Ann will oversee the painting and cleaning crews. Andi will give the power point

presentation to the group. Goal is to reach out to past funders and potential funders, share with them the construction progress and potential use of the facility as an event & community center. Recommendations are to have the floor plan map available for viewing and to see if Mike Rudi would be willing to share the Chamber' vision of the building as it pertains to community usage and economic development.

Construction Update: Three RQF's were sent out on February 10, 2006, and only one quotation was rec'd for the Design/Build Services for New Fire Protection System by the February 28, 2006, 3:00 p.m. deadline. The RFQ submitted by Western Automatic Sprinkler Co. was reviewed by those present. After reviewing the quotation, **Dean made the motion and Rob 2nd to accept the Western Automatic Sprinkler quotation for the Design/Build Services for New Fire Protection System to be completed in the Event Hall. The motion passed with all in favor. Mark Johnson abstained from the vote.** The next step is for the Fair Board's recommendation to go to the County Contract Review Board. The Country *SP* Contract Review Board will be meeting in special session on March 8th. Mark and Andi will plan on attending the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Facilities Usage – Rodeo Arena Horse Riding, unauthorized uses: Andi shared with the board the requests and comments made by various members of the community, in regard to wanting free access to the rodeo arena for horse riding. Due to lack of personnel, at this time, as discussed previously, no riders are allowed in the arena unless they are with a 4H Club and it is a club ride that is practicing for the Fair. The only other authorized use is when the facility is rented for events, or rented for rides, which can be done so at a pro-rated fee of \$21.00 hour. All members of the community, including Fair Board members, staff, and county employees are expected to adhere to these policies. Andi will survey other counties to see what their current policies are and how they handle similar requests. Additionally, no one is allowed to ride in the arena until the board has determined the arena is ready for use. The ground is still hard and will need to be worked up prior to usage. At a minimum the board should put up 'ride at your own risk' signs.

Request to rent Garden Benches – offsite: The board received a request for renting the garden benches, the same weekend of the Home and Garden Show, yet they would need them in the early evening just as the home show is closing down. After some discussion, the board decided that the garden benches will be rented out at \$10.00/bench, which is approximately 10% of the cost. If damaged, they need to be replaced.

New Directions Rent Increase: As discussed in previous meetings, due to ^{the} *ride* increase in utility costs, the rental rate to New Directions needs to be increased. **Dean ~~make~~ the motion and Andy 2nd to approve the letter to New Directions announcing the rent increase from \$1,100 to \$1,300 per month, effective April 1, 2006. The motion passed with all in favor.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Andi Sexton, Fair Grounds Manager