

Baker County Fair Board

Minutes of March 10, 2010

Board Meeting

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

Members Not Present: Tony Britt, Ron Rowan

Advisory Board Members Present:

Advisory Board Members Not Present: Kristi Harris, Cory Parsons, Janice Cowan, Chris Dunn

Guests: Marv Sumner, Bob Savage

Staff Not Present: Colleen Taylor

Vice Chair Dean Defrees called the meeting to order at 6:10PM.

Public Comment Period: Bob Savage advised Behlen donated some farm equipment to be given out to 4-H. Requested he be allowed to store it by the old beef barn. Mr. Savage advised to contact Colleen Taylor in reference to the storage.

Marv Sumner and Bob Savage presented the proposal for rewiring the rodeo arena. A letter requesting bids was sent to four electricians with Bob Whelen declining to bid. Bids were received from Outpost Electric, Eastern Oregon Electric and Baker Electric. These were presented to the board. There was discussion on what needed to be done and what could be done for a short term fix. Mr. Sumner and Mr. Savage were told that at this time the Fair Board did not have the funds to do the rewiring, however would talk to OTEC to see if there would be any grant money to assist with the project. Mr. Sumner and Mr. Savage were advised that any request for funding for this project would come from the Fair Board.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Minutes: Dan Morris moved the minutes from the February meeting be approved. Motioned seconded by Dean Defrees and passed.

Financials: Financials were reviewed for February. Ann Kniesel moved the financials be approved, Rob Ellingson seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Grant Process: Ann reported that a grant for \$5,000.00 was submitted to NW Farm Credit Services with a letter of support written by Mark Coomer. An answer should be received by mid April. Other grants will be applied for as soon as a budget is completed for the next phase. Other grants to be applied for are Idaho Power, Collins Foundation, Myers Foundation, Union Pacific, and U.S. Bancorp.

Rodeo Grounds Electrical Needs: There was additional discussion on the rewiring of the rodeo grounds. Mark moved that Rob have some discussion with and write a letter to OTEC regarding this project. Dean seconded, passed.

Community Garden: The board reviewed the poster and press release for the garden. Community garden meeting to be held Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00pm at the Event Center. Dean and Colleen will attend.

West/North Entrance: Mark presented the plans for the west entrance. The plans were reviewed by the city and according to the city ordinance a sidewalk is required. After further discussion with the city the following was received from Michael Pina from City Planning.

"I have reviewed your summary, and feel as though I do not have so much of a concern of the eventual implantation of such plans, but overall code compliance and standards in which we hold to everyone else. However, with that said, Don and I viewed the property yesterday, and spoke with Public Works Director Michelle Owen and believe that we can reach some sort of an agreement due to your special circumstance. This would entail a letter stating that we would allow you to improve the parking as planned and cross over to the r-o-w, but if the city ever decides to improve the street, then we would do so to our standards. Additionally, you would essentially meet the sidewalk requirement by recognizing the proposed sidewalk net to the building, but you would have to allow for collection of the r-o-w run off into your bioswale. Please come by when you have a chance to discuss this."

Mark advised he is ready to proceed with the west side as soon as funds become available. Currently there is \$30,000 available and \$35,000 is needed, however Mark would like to have at least a 10% contingency in the event of cost overrun.

Mark presented the drawings for the north entrance. The entrance is designed to match the architecture of the interior of the building. The consensus of the board is that Mark should move ahead on the north entrance when funds are available.

Marketing Plan: The marketing plan was reviewed the board agreed to make the changes recommended by Ann and to replace the Goal section with the rewrite done by Ron. A motion was made by Rob moved the marketing plan with discussed changes be presented to TRT, Mark second, passed.

New Busines:

TULIP Liability Insurance: tabled until Colleen at meeting to present.

ODA – Cory Parsons: Cory did not attend.

Storage on the Fair Grounds: Discussion as to outside agencies storing items on the fair grounds. Should storage be limited to 4-H, Extension and Fair Board? All requests for storage need to go through Colleen Taylor, Fair Grounds Manager. Further discussion next meeting.

Next meeting April 7th at 6:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM