

**Baker County Fair Board
Minutes of March 11, 2008
Board Meeting**

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

Members not present: none

Advisory Board Members Present: none

AB Members Not Present: Janice Cowan, Donna Lowry

Staff: Colleen Taylor

Others in Attendance: Fred Warner, County Commissioner

Chair Ron Rowan called the meeting to order 6:11 PM. Meeting began with a tour of the Community Event Center.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Mark motion to approve minutes for February 6th and 13th meetings, Rob seconded. Passed by members.

Old Business:

OMD/General Caldwell: Land transfer proposal reviewed that was prepared by General Caldwell's office and Mark Johnson. Board and Fred agreed that the number needed to be requested from Governors office for the OMD needs and Baker Cty Fair Board needs should be 2.1 million. Board will continue communications with General Caldwell's office and Fred will contact General Caldwell on 3/12/08 also.

Grants: Ann reported on the current grant applications. The USDA grant is ready for Fred's signature \$27,600. The Fair Board did receive \$225 from Marvin Wood Employees fund this past month. A letter declining our request to Wells Fargo was received, however, we have not heard from any others at this time.

Phase II Funds Report: Colleen reported that \$130,244 has been spent thus far leaving a total of \$229,952.49 in actual funds available. \$42,000 is still outstanding for grants awarded for a total of \$272,472.49 available.

Equipment: The new Copier/Fax machine lease was discussed. Cost would be \$5,693.00 to purchase, \$6,637.80 if leased for the 5 years. Supplies would be included with the lease and an option is available to opt out of the lease for Government Agencies without penalty is budget was decreased. Colleen to attain two more bids on copiers prior to a decision being reached.

Excess Equipment: Colleen reported that facilities has schedule their excess equipment sale for April 2nd and 3rd in the Show Barn.

Leadership Baker Horse Barn Project: Colleen reported that Michelle would like the board to choose a weekend in May that they would like to have the horse barns completed. Board requested that this be moved to the April meeting when a representative from the Leadership group could attend.

Financial Documents: Rob moved that the financials to accepted and the bills paid. Tony seconded and motion was approved by the board.

New Business:

Grading/Gravel Event Center: Ground surrounding Event Center discussed. Tony to grade area on Monday the 17th and spread 2 loads of gravel. Rob to contact the City on the 5-Acre ruts resulting from the truck traffic unloading snow.

2008 Fair: Contract received from Marty Davis for entertainment at the Fair. Ron's signature completed contract. Albright Amusement Vendor Fee discussed. Board agreed to charge just one vendor fee and one electrical outlet for 2008 to see the amount of success.

Other: Next meeting to be April 2, 2008 at 7pm small meeting room of the Extension Bldg.

Respectively Submitted,

Colleen Taylor