

Baker County Fair Board

Minutes of March 9, 2011

Board Meeting

Members Present: Ron Rowan, Dean Defrees, , Ann Kniesel, Mark Johnson , Cynthia Norton

Members Absent: Dan Morris, Chris Dunn

Advisory Board Present: Bob Savage, Rob Ellingson, Janice Cowan, Cory Parsons, Bob Savage, Carl Stiff

Advisory Board Not Present: Kristi Harris

Staff Present: Colleen Taylor

Guests: Bill Harmon, Marv Sumner, Sue Irby, Dakota Parsons, Fred Warner Jr, Peggy Hudson

Chair Ron Rowan called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM.

Chair Ron began the meeting with the introduction of our new Fair Board Member, Cynthia Norton.

Correspondence: none

Public Comment Period: Fred Warner introduced Peggy Hudson, BMCC facilitator. Peggy presented her thoughts on the different locations for the expansion of BMCC. She explained each drawback to all of the locations except the location of the corner of Campbell and Grove. She explained that this location was the preferred location. The new building for BMCC would begin with a 15,000 foot print and then add an additional 20,000 square feet. Peggy requested the endorsement of the Fair Board for the expansion to take that location. After discussion, the Chair Ron requested that a rendition of the building be presented to the Fair Board. Peggy will get that prepared and then present it to the Fair Board. Fred shared that he will be visiting with Colonel Reece (National Guard) in Salem next week to let them know about the construction of the Maverick station next to the compound, and the BMCC preference for the Campbell/Grove site for their new building. This site would involve their parking lot and leases.

NEW BUSINESS: Chair Ron moved New Business to the first of the meeting for those reporting.

Beef Barn Reorganization Committee: Cory reported that the committee met a couple of weeks ago and created a layout for the beef barn that would accommodate the goats and steers in a safer manner. The reorganization will require an additional two 12 foot and one 16 foot Powder River Panels and two 4 foot gates. The redesign will be shared at the leaders meeting on the 14th. The Fair Board would like help from the leader association on the purchase of the items. We will be looking at the items we currently have also. The current steer count is at 38, five dairy, breeding groups are up, and 30 goats with 18 of them market. Bert Siddaway will also be bringing in a volunteer crew to lower the cement ties. This will help prevent the steers from damaging their hoofs. It was also brought up that we will need to have a protection cover for the grate in the swine barn in the alley to help prevent the swine hooves from being cut. A rubber mat should be sufficient.

Baker Heritage Museum: Colleen shared that the Museum was organizing a Wally Byam Caravan the weekend of July 2nd thru the 4th. They would like to know if our 5-acre field would be available for overflow camping and the cost for that. The Fair Board agreed that a fee of \$10 per camper would be assessed, the Museum would be responsible for the garbage and sanitation facilities. The fair board would do a 80/20 split with the Museum on the camper fee. Two dollars to the Museum and the remainder to the Fair Board. Colleen will contact Chris of the decision.

OLD BUSINESS:

Baker City Bronc and Bull: The last version of the proposed agreement was reviewed by the Fair Board and the Bronc and Bull Committee by email following the February meeting. Mark moved that the agreement be accepted, Ann seconded, and the Board voted to accept the agreement. Marv presented the agreement with a question on the dates of the rental for 2011. It was agreed that the rental would begin the morning of July 7th and run thru to the afternoon of July 19th. The Bronc and Bull Committee were informed that there was a 4-H group schedule for the evening of the 19th in the arena. As the representative of the Bronc and Bull Committee, Marv signed the agreement and Ron signed as Chair for the Fair Board. Bob Savage was issued three sets of keys (power, gate, and crows nest) per the agreement.

West Entrance Construction: Colleen reported that the signage has been completed and the lights are now on the East and North sides also. The signage on the building will be covered by the USDA grant.

Leo Adler Agreement: Fred will email to Colleen to send out to the board. The Agreement still needs to be reviewed by Mike Baker of the Babe Ruth Board.

Grandstand Condition: Mark Johnson emailed the board on 2/26 the project needs. The project looks to be about a \$30K project. Colleen adjust the budget request for the entire project, after visiting with Fred, we may be able to get a portion of the project, however, the balance may need to be from other sources. The project is on hold till funds are acquired. The following is the exert from the email describing the project:

"Looking at the project of retrofitting the west fence at the Rodeo Arena it is obvious that there was short sightedness exercised relative to the existing Grandstand wood fence with respect to elevated sidewalk grade (recent street construction). This same condition at the grandstand fence continues to the south end of the west fence. The project that we are developing to rectify the grade differential should take in the greater picture and include improvements to the south end. In other words, the retaining wall design idea needs to run from the NW corner of the Grandstand and carry past the SW corner of the Grandstand all the way to the south end of the fence. Included in this project would be sidewalk improvements between the new fence and the street curb. Similar to the treescapes located downtown, we should look at enhancing the public access areas by placing concrete sidewalks between the trees and placing a grate at each tree plot. I would encourage keeping the wood fence design as it keeps the rodeo grounds tied together (I would not go so far as to call the wood fence historical, but is an inherent part of the character)."

"So what you are saying is that the retaining wall would continue past the grandstand to the south causing that portion of the fence to be removed and effectively moved three feet to the east to line up with the grandstands. We would also have to redo the wiring as it runs along the fence with outlets at intervals for the vendors. What about putting the fence on top of the wall? Am I on the same wave length with you, or sort of?"

"Even though we may not be able to do all of the elements of the design at once (i.e. do it in phases . . . again), we should encompass the bigger picture in the Grove Street improvements."

Grant Process: Ann reported that she is still working on the Meyer Grant preapplication form. Still have not heard what the final dollar amount will be from Idaho Power.

Marketing Plan: Colleen reported that she visited with Fred on the Marketing Plan. Fred would like for the marketing plan to be reviewed by Tim Bishop to be sure that we are duplicating any items, such as the web page.

Minutes: The minutes to the January 5, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dean moved that minutes be approved, Ann seconded and the board passed.

Financials: Colleen reported that we have received the balance of the property sale in our 351 account. The property sold for \$33,091, we paid the note to the county in the amount of \$25K and the remaining \$8,091 is now available to us for continued work on the Event Center. The board reviewed the financials, Dean moved to approve, Ann seconded and the motion was passed by the board.

Other:

Fair: Colleen reported on the beginnings for the work for the fair. Horizon Wind has decided not to sponsor the fair this year in the amount of \$5000. This was the entertainment budget. Colleen is out looking for sponsors now. The plan is to bring in the Harts Reptile Tent for the kids. The cost of the tent would be \$1100.00 and the cost of the display would be an additional \$3,000. Colleen is working with the Hart's to see if we can get a discount for the show. The goal would to keep the entire cost at about \$3000.

Community Garden: Dean and Colleen reported that they had had a meeting with the Community Garden. There were only four attendees. Rural Action has about \$500 available for the Community Garden. A need is a shed and Colleen has been pricing them. One is currently available at Sears for \$399.99. We are now waiting to hear from Nella on the next step to receive the funds to purchase the shed. Colleen will be making a presentation about the Community Garden to the Methodist Church fellowship on May 6th.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 6 PM for the regular scheduled meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectively submitted,

Colleen Taylor