

BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD
Minutes of May 3, 2006
Board Meeting

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

Members Not Present: Andy Barr

Advisory Board Members Present: Bob Borgen

AB Members Not Present: Mary Ellen Anderson, Janice Cowan

Others in Attendance: Andi Sexton (staff); Mellisa Miller and Michelle Paoletti of Leadership Baker; Dr. Carl Stiff, County Commissioner; Cory Parsons, OSU Extension; Terry Shumaker, Lions Club.

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

To accommodate guests present at this time, guest presentations and related new business items on the agenda were addressed prior to the main business portion of the meeting.

Terry Schumaker, Lions Club: Terry shared the interest of the Lions Club in the corner property where the Community Center used to sit. He said the club has had the corner property on their project list for about two years and they would like to assist with some sort of grounds improvement; something that their club can adopt, such as a 'Lion's Courtyard' where the public can gather. He also mentioned ideas of a skating rink and band shell. Terry said the local club has about \$2,500 to contribute to the corner property improvement project – and that they can probably get matching funds from their larger organization. They can provide labor, and are willing to work with a local contractor who can design/install an irrigation system if we submit plans. Terry also mentioned the possibility of installing kiosks that describe the outlying communities since they can not be installed near the Baker Chamber – and that the corner property would be a great location. Tony Britt said he is working on another project where fill needs to be removed, and that he can move it to the corner property to help bring the ground level. Terry is the contact from the Lions and will work with the board as a project develops.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dean and 2nd by Rob to accept the minutes with the following changes: To delete 'Wayne will have his crew work up the ground' from page 1, under the Baker Shrine discussion; and to delete 'rider' from the sentence '.. under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult rider in the arena' also on page 1, under the Horse Riders discussion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Financial Reports: Mark made the motion and Ann 2nd to accept the financial reports as submitted. The motion passed with all in favor. Discussion revolved around the recommendation for Andi to graph past historical expenses for the 251 account on a monthly basis, so as to look for any trends.

OLD BUSINESS:

Leadership Baker Horse Stall Project: Michelle and Mellisa reported that \$1,500 has been raised to date for the project. They are getting a lot of interest in in-kind donations and raffle

type items. Fifty letters requesting donations have been mailed out. They have two volunteers that are co-writing grants: a Leo Adler Grant and a D. Clark grant. They are also sending out a press release for an 'old fashioned barn raising' type of fundraiser. They would like to have a fundraiser dinner in front of the show barn for when the bike rally is in town, on Friday May 19th from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. The board unanimously agreed to allow the Leadership Baker group use the Show Barn, tables and chairs for free for the fundraiser.

Horse Stalls Building Permit: Dean made the motion and Ann 2nd that the fair board pay for the building permit for the horse stall project. Motion passed with all in favor.

Horse Stalls - Cement discussion: The board emphasized that concrete is to only be used for the breezeway, and the outer edge columns. The ground in the horse stalls is to be leveled, and the use of rubber mats was recommended.

Event & Community Building Update: Mark reported that we are at the tail end of Phase I. Everything was setup for the Sprinkler System inspection; the fire system works, but the flow switch did not work due to an electrician 'problem'. The storage doors are being put in. The Fire Marshall approved the existing door frames. We need to decide our next step. ~~We need another \$50-\$65 to do the kitchen.~~ Recommend doing the concrete work instead which consists of enlarging the window areas, installing new windows and putting in the new entryway facing the courtyard lawn in front of the Show Barn. Painting the interior of the event hall will cost approx. \$10,000-\$15,000, and should be done after the concrete work is done for the kitchen. Cory submitted the extension office's changes to the floor plan.

Arena Open Ride Progress Report: The open rides have been going good – not much traffic due to cold weather, but those that have shown up are enjoying the service.

Home and Garden Show: Event was cancelled due to a lack of participation by vendors – only 16 signed up. Recommendation is to have the show earlier in April instead of May, and for the Fair staff to be the first contact for recruiting vendors instead of the Baker City Herald.

Elkhorn Spring Classic: Registrations are slow to come in, but this was the case last year. Full steam ahead!

Recap of Rural Policy Dept. Meeting of April 19th: Those that attended the meeting at the courthouse (Ann Kniesel, Dean DeFrees, Rob Ellingson and Andi Sexton) were all in agreement that the meeting was not what we were lead to believe it would be. The office does not have grant dollars, the dept. head spoke mainly about how the dept. came into being and it's role, and his advice and recommendations were that the Fair Board seek funds for building a technology building to accommodate audiences and interests other than our agriculture based sector.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motorcycle Bike Rally – Use of Fairgrounds for Camping: Usage of the fair grounds for camping as a 'last resort' after all local lodging facilities are filled was discussed. It was recommended that we offer the fairgrounds as the last resort with the following: Camping will be on the 5 acre field, bikes can be parked in the rodeo grounds (back), if Bob and Neta Hendrikson can be park hosts then we will go forward with having fee based camping. Fees will be \$10/spot or a fee that is comparable to the going rate, whichever is higher. Andi is to order a dumpster and porta potties for the 5-acre field, come up with a camping voucher system, work with Neta and Bob as camp hosts, have the field mowed, and request extra night rounds by the city police.

Review of Contract Review Board Meeting of May 3: The meeting before the contract review board was to discuss Sid Johnson & Co.'s role in our project and the benefit of having Sid Johnson & Co. fill in for jobs that a sub is not needed for or when Delo is not available. The board's system of approving bills that involve Sid Johnson & Co. was also discussed and

approved. The Contract Review Board was in consensus that our arrangement with Sid Johnson & Co. is a benefit to the project and the county.

Summer Staffing Plan: Andi shared with the board the summer staff will consist of Rachel Coomer, who returns to the Fair staff on June 1, 2006; and Meagan Nelson, who will start July 5th, 2006.

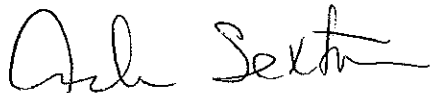
Maintenance Issues: Several plumbing/irrigation system problems have been occurring. There is a leak in the Rodeo Grounds water system, the irrigation system at the grassy courtyard has several broken sprinkler heads, and there are plumbing problems in the men's restroom at the Extension Building. Delo and Rob are addressing the problems. Discussion included fencing off the grassy area during the fall to prevent automobiles from driving over it when it is covered with snow.

Request for Use of Stored Conference Table:

Ann Kniesel reported that the local chapter of the National Rifle Association would like to borrow the conference table that is in the Old Beef Barn for their annual dinner. The board was unanimous in allowing the NRA free usage of the table, and was also receptive to the NRA storing the table offsite since it is in Delo's way in the Old Beef Barn. It was recommended that we move the chairs to the small meeting room since they are in much better condition than the chairs we currently use.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Andi Sexton, Fair Grounds Manager