

Baker County Fair Board
Minutes of November 10, 2009
Board Meeting

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

Members not present: Rob Ellingson

Advisory Board Members Present: Chris Dunn, Cory Parsons, Janice Cowan

Advisory Board Members Not Present: Kristi Harris

Guest: Carl Stiff

Staff: Colleen Taylor

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

Public Comment Period: None

Correspondence: Thank you received from the Equestrian Team for use of the Arena for their fundraiser.

Minutes: Ann Kniesel moved that we approved the minutes of October 14, 2009, Mark Johnson seconded and the motion was passed by board members.

Financials: The financials for October were reviewed. Colleen shared that the insurance had been paid by the county, reducing the 251 balance to a level that we would need to request the remainder of the transfer from the General Fund. Colleen will contact Christina to request the transfer. Ann Kniesel moved that the financials be approved, Dan Morris seconded, and the motion was passed by the board.

Old Business:

Funding Mtg with Fred: Ron reported that the meeting went well for the funding request. Fred suggested a \$25,000 loan collateralized with the property on the corner of D Street and Walnut. The loan to be paid back from the sale of the property, with any excess funds over the \$25,000 loan to be gifted to the Fair Grounds. There has been some interest in the property. The resolution to be presented at the next Commissioners meeting.

Office Construction: Mark report that the construction is complete except for the fire alarm motor for the extension office, fire glass for the fair office and doors, and a small punch list.

The board visited the new offices. The inspection for occupancy is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 13th. Tentative moving date is set for November 16th.

Grants: Ann reported that the Leo Adler request for the West entrance is being reviewed and we should be hearing about it soon. There have been no new grant requests submitted. Ann is preparing a Meyer request and will be visiting with the TRTC and Economic Development for Baker County. Idaho Power may also have some funds available, and Ann will be looking at it. Otec will be approached for Arena electrical up grading once we have numbers from the Baker City Elks.

Show Barn Sign: There was no report for the Show Barn Sign progress.

Red Cross: Colleen reported that she have visited with the County to obtain a copy of an existing agreement. None had been located to date. Colleen visited with David Cowan and Millie Lutz of Red Cross and requested a formalized agreement for our records and the County Emergency Plan. Red Cross is now working on that.

New Business:

2010 Fair Theme: Colleen reported that the 4-H Leaders and members did not have a theme for the 2010 fair. Four themes were suggested: Baker County Fair- A Timeless Tradition, Pioneer Ways and Western Days, Boots, Buckles, and Barrels of Fun, The 5 Rinds of the Baker County Fair – Home Economic, Horticulture, Critters, 4-H & FFA. The board choose the theme of "Boots, Buckles, and Barrels of Fun" with the color scheme of Brown, Gold & Silver.

Rental Rates: Discussion held on Rental rates for the Event Center. Changes to be submitted to the County Commissioners are the following: Show Barn hourly rate raised to \$40.00, Event Center cleaning deposit raised to \$300, Event Center Kitchen changed to \$50, Event Center Meeting Room set as \$40 minimum, and \$75 for the full day, \$50 cleaning deposit, Set up and Cleaning Fee of \$50 per hour, and the Bleachers will be \$60. Changes to be submitted to the Baker County Commissioners for approval.

Arena Announcer Stand: Colleen has not received the plans from Kelly Ayolelotte for the painting of the crow's nest windows.

Community Garden: Colleen began checking into community gardens that have been set up at other fair grounds. Maxine Day from Grant County has started one in John Day and shared some of their information. She referred Colleen to Amy Jo Detweiler of Deschutes County to

learn how theirs works. Corey will visit with Rick Lusk on the process or possibility of a sink well. Dean Defrees will do some checking into the process of setting up a community garden also. Grant County is currently using raised beds; however, found that they were not efficient. The individual plots are 4foot by 10 foot with a lease fee of \$25 for the growing season. The area needs to be fenced for security. They have a half acre set aside currently for the project.

Christmas Meeting: The Christmas Meeting will be a Prime Rib Dinner for Board Members, Advisory Board, and staff on December 9th. The meeting room of the Event Center will be used. Event to begin at 6 PM. Ann will cook the Prime Rib; Tony volunteered to provide the Prime Rib, everyone else to bring potluck. Colleen will decorate the room and setup.

Open House: Open house for the completion of the offices discussed. Board would like to table till after the first of the year.

Other:

OFA Convention: Dean reported that Curt Jacobs will build a covered wagon for the auction item from Baker County. The cost of supplies will be around \$50. Dean moved that we pay for the supplies, Ann seconded the motion and approval was received from the board.

Baker Elks: No report received as yet on the Arena electrical upgrade.

General Caldwell: No news or progress has been received on the National Guard. Ron will email Fred on a progress report.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM

Respectively Submitted,

Colleen Taylor