

BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD
Minutes of November 2, 2005
Board Meeting

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

Members Not Present: none

Advisory Board Members Present: none

AB Members Not Present: Janice Cowan, Mary Ellen Anderson, Dan Peters

Others in Attendance: Andi Sexton (staff), County Commission Chair Fred Warner Jr., Commissioner Dr. Carl Stiff

The Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Vice Chair Dean Defrees.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ann and seconded by Rob to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed with all in favor.

Financial Reports: A motion was made by Ann and seconded by Rob to approve the financial reports and bill payments. The motion passed with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recap of Oct 12th County Commissioners Session: Andi reported on the results of the County Commission session. Mark and Andi submitted the Fair Board's mechanical quotation selection, which in turn was approved by the commissioners. Next Step: October 20th Preconstruction Meeting: Andi, Mark, Ross of Baker Electric, and Ken Lebsock of Thews Mechanical were represented. Those in attendance went through the contracts and general conditions, payment procedures and administrative requirements.

Review of Leo Adler Foundation Board Due Diligence meeting of Oct 13: Ron shared with the board the meeting with Chuck Hoffman and Norm Kolb. Andi prepared a packet that had the accomplishments to date of the Old Armory Project, as well as an updated budget. Both were taken to the Old Armory for a tour. In attendance were board members Ann Kniesel, Dean Defrees, Ron Rowan and Mark Johnson. The Leo Board members were very pleased with the project and apologized for any misunderstandings regarding Andi being told not to apply for additional grant funds for the same project. Norm and Chuck expressed interest in expecting a grant application next year and an interest in working with the County.

Grant Updates:

OTEC: Andi reported that OTEC is 'granting' the trench work – valued at \$10,000. OTEC is also wanting the board to seriously consider the business credits application for replacing old lighting fixtures with more energy efficient fixtures. Andi will follow up on this.

Ford Family Foundation: After some discussion, it was recommended by the board that Andi apply for a Ford Family Foundation grant. Fred Warner, Jr. said he would send a letter of recommendation/support as well for our project.

BCLA: Andi reported on BCLA's Annual Dinner and that Andi rec'd a thank-you gift for the work done between the Fair Board and BCLA toward a successful working partnership.

NEW BUSINESS

Usage of Old Armory: Elkhorn Archer representative was not in attendance. The Archer's would like to use the Old Armory for archery practice. The board felt this would be fine, with a user fee, plus \$250 deposit and reimbursement of heating/electrical expenses.

Recommended 2006 Theme: The 4H Association r'cd several entries for the 2006 Fair Theme Contest. 4H kids voted on the themes and the one with the most votes was "Just for Kicks in 2006" with colors being Yellow and Green. **A motion was made by Dean and seconded by Rob to accept the theme for 2006. The motion passed with all in favor.** The board also decided to give free buttons and wristbands to the 4H Club, Lone Pine Heirs, that submitted the entry.

Corner Lot: The board discussed the next steps for the corner lot. Fred Warner Jr. said if the board had a plan, the commissioners could help pay for it. Fred said he felt it was in the best interest of the County to improve the lot and have a plan by spring. It was suggested to do the following:

- Have two landscape architects come up with several options – present at Dec. meeting
- After an option is selected, bring in other partners that have expressed an interest in the project (rotary, Lynn Burroughs, Soroptimist, Leadership Baker)
- Avoid having Pepsi's name on a marquee
- Have several reader board options presented (cost, size)
- Andi contact the city to find out if there are any restrictions
- To have the above ready for the December meeting – with the goal of putting together a suggested plan by the February meeting, and then a public meeting.

Old Armory Project – HVAC Submittals: Mark said he needs two board members to review the product submittals to look for errors and correctness. Rob volunteered to meet with Mark the next morning.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. The board adjourned to Barley Brown's for a very special 'Thanks Giving Dinner and Roast!'

Next Board Meeting: December 14, 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Andi Sexton, Fair Grounds Manager