

BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD
Minutes of Nov 8 2006
Board Meeting

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

Members Not Present: Andy Barr

Advisory Board Members Present: none

AB Members Not Present: Bob Borgen, Mary Ellen Anderson, Janice Cowan

Others in Attendance: Andi Sexton (staff); Cory Parsons (OSU Extension)

The Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Chairman Ron Rowan.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark and 2nd by Dean to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed with all in favor.

Financial Documents:

A motion was made by Ann and 2nd by Mark to accept the financial documents as presented. The motion passed with all in favor. Rob Ellingson made note that the \$7,672.33 that is in the miscellaneous revenue line is the total dollars received for the Ford Tractor, and that these dollars are dedicated funds for the purchase or lease of a new tractor.

OLD BUSINESS

Fair Grounds Manager Job Interviews:

The board reviewed three job applications. Two of the applicants will be called for interviews. Those present recommended scheduling interviews on the November 28, starting at 3Pm, the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. Interviews are to be 30 minutes long, and any Fair Board Director can attend and help. Andi is to contact Debbie Hoopes, County Personnel Director, and have her contact the applicant that was denied, and schedule the two interviews. It was also recommended to have background checks conducted on those applicants that are potential hires.

Recap of Leo Adler Committee Meeting of October 30th:

The board recapped the grant application interview that was conducted with the Leo Board. Discussion included the Leo Board member's comments to those present about concern for the lack of adequate County financial support for a county project.

NEW BUSINESS

Personal Services Agreement: The County Court approved the personal services contract between Andi Sexton and the Fair Board for grant writing services for the Old Armory Project.

Fair Theme for 2007: The 4H Association members voted on Fair 2007 themes and the winner was 'Stars and Stripes and Country Nights', with colors being red, white and blue. Rob made a motion and Dean 2nd to approve the recommended 2007 4H Theme 'Stars and Stripes and Country Nights'. The motion passed with all in favor.

2006 State Fair Premiums: Mark made the motion and Rob seconded to approve spending up to \$440 in premiums for those Baker County Attendees that had State Fair

entries/exhibits. The motion passed with all in favor. The premiums also included payment for two FFA livestock judging teams.

Recap of Nov. 8th Meeting with General Caldwell, Fred Warner Jr. and other OMD Personnel – General Caldwell said he would try to represent the Fair Board/Baker County in Salem with various of his contacts in order to seek additional funding streams for the Old Armory Project. He said he would meet up with Fred Warner Jr. in Salem the following week and meet with the Governor's Staff with the purpose of representing our shared interests in getting the project funded so the extension building can be vacated. He also said he intends to sell to the State Parks Department a building that is on the State Parks Property, which is occupied by the OMD, yet the OMD does not need the facility. His asking price is \$200,000, which he would turn over to the Fair Board/County for the Old Armory Project. James Williford, also in attendance, shared with the Fair Board that the OMD has received a \$350,000 grant for creating a parking lot where the Extension Bldg. Now sits. Williford pointed out that although the OMD does not need the parking lot, the OMD wants to go forward with the parking lot project so they do not lose the funds or the funding source. The OMD would like the Extension Building vacated by April. Mr. Williford also said he needs to let his funding source know in January if the project is going forward or not. The funds need to be spent within this Federal Fiscal year (ends Sept. 30th, 2007).

Fair Board discussion: We need to document negotiations with the OMD. The Design Work for the parking lot should also incorporate the corner lot area – finish it out with the reader board project. The board also discussed the need to come up with a plan for moving out of the Extension Building. Additional issues: property deed exchanges. Need to put intrinsic value on Extension Building, and values on buildings that were lost during process of 99 year leases. Also need documentation of all values and probably need legal assistance (Attorney General?). The Extension Building was not included in the original deals.

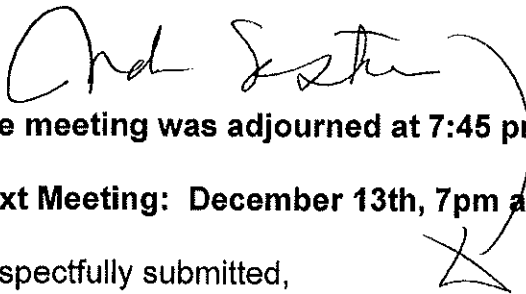
It was discussed that we need Fred Warner Jr. at the next Fair Board meeting to give an update on what occurred in Salem (trip with General Caldwell).

Maintenance Issues:

Small Room Heating Issues: The board requested that Andi have Delo setup a ceramic heater for the small room.

Tractor Leases: Tony Britt is pursuing information on government leases. Rob will pursue looking at State surplus lists.

Rodeo Grounds Gravel: Tony and Rob will work on getting the rodeo grounds maintenance issues taken care of (sift out rocks, get new sand).



The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting: December 13th, 7pm at the Extension Bldg.

Respectfully submitted,

Andi Sexton, Fair Grounds Manager