

**Baker County Fair Board  
Minutes of October 14, 2009  
Board Meeting**

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

**Members not present:** Rob Ellingson

**Advisory Board Members Present:** none

**Advisory Board Members Not Present:** Cory Parsons, Donna Lowry, Chris Dunn, Janice Cowan

**Guest:** Bob Savage and Marv Sumner

**Staff:** Colleen Taylor

Chair Ron Rowan called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM.

**Public Comment Period:** Bob Savage and Marv Sumner from the Baker Elks Bronc and Bull discussed the power challenges incurred during the Bronc and Bull Show this past summer. The Elks added new power to the south fence of the Arena to accommodate the power needed for the sound system in the beer garden. A power outage occurred and Jerry Jenson of Jenson Sound reviewed the power and suggested a complete rebuilding of the system. Fair Board requested that the Elks get with their electrician and OTEC to review the power and the transformer to see what is needed and the cost of rebuilding the system for the load amount needed and bring that information back to the Fair Board for discussion.

**Minutes:** Members reviewed the minutes. Ann requested that the Grant report reflect that Jeldwen did not have grant funds available, and Dean requested the spelling of Waffle be corrected to Wiffle. With requested changes completed, Dean moved the minutes to approved, Ann seconded, and approved by the board.

**Financials:** Financials were reviewed. Colleen shared a spreadsheet on the utilities of the Extension building versus income from rent for the board to review also. Ann moved to approve and Dan seconded, motion passed by members.

**Old Business:**

**Office Construction:** Mark reported that sheet rocking has been completed, as well as the painting of the offices. Ceiling grids will be completed in the next day or two. Budget dollars were also reviewed. The office construction has some added items that have increased our cost by approximately \$15,000. These funds are not available in the 351 at this time. Ron will contact Fred for a meeting with Mark and Dean also to discuss the gap in funding. The additional cost has occurred due to ADA Parking requirements, replacing of the truss in the event hall, and increase in some costs. Ron will try to schedule the meeting with Fred in the within the next two weeks. Acoustics for the Event Center were also discussed. Ann shared the idea of building curtain partisan with the

remaining curtain material similar to the partisan used at the Boise Center. Discussion was continued and the board felt that this could be done with PVC pipe at a low cost.

**Grant Funding:** Ann reported that the Leo Adler Grant request has been submitted and she would like to go to the TRT Committee and Economic Development Committee for small grant request. Ann is also looking at the Meyer Memorial and Ford Foundation Grant. NW Farm Credit grants will also be available after the first of the year.

**Show Barn Sign:** Dean reported that nothing has occurred since the last board meeting.

**2009 Gift Show:** Colleen reported on the second annual Gift Show. There were 26 vendors with an income of \$1490 from vendor fees. The expenses for the show totaled \$1719.74 with Baker City Herald covering \$684.13 in the advertising, reducing the expenses to \$1035.61, resulting in a net profit of \$454.39. This was twice the next of the 2008 show. The vendors had a great time, with approximately 500 individuals thru the doors. The vendors did suggest the hours of the gift show be changed to 9 to 4 for next year.

**New Business:**

**Dept Presentation:** Colleen reported on her department presentation to the County Commissioners on October 7. At the presentation, Colleen shared that we anticipate moving to the Event Center the later part of November and that the County Commissioners and Fair Board will be discussing the future of the Extension Building

**American Red Cross Agreement:** Red Cross request for the Fair Grounds to provide emergency shelter for animals and livestock during an emergency was discussed. Colleen to visit with Mark Bennett to see if the Fair Grounds is part of the County's emergency plan. Ann moved that we complete the Red Cross request and then refer it to the County Commissioners for signatures, Tony seconded.

**Other:** Colleen shared that the City of Baker water department has discovered a small water leak in the meter area between the Extension Bldg and the corner lot. At this time there is no need for action, however, it may be a concern in the future.

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2009, 6 PM; in the meeting room of the event center is possible

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Colleen Taylor