

**Baker County Fair Board  
September 20, 2022  
Minutes**

Started at 5:39 p.m.

Those who were present:

Board Members: Ron Rowan, Dean Defrees, Terri Siddoway, Mark Johnson, Mike Sullivan, Cliff Schoeningh, Michelle Kaseberg

Staff Present: Angela Robb, Gratton Miller

Members of the Public: Lynda Bird

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes from July 12, 2022**

There were missing items in the minutes, and Gratton needs help filling in the details in some of the items that were discussed. Item was deferred until the October 18, 2022 Fair Board meeting.

**4. Financials**

There were no financials presented to the Fair Board, and this item was deferred until the October 18, 2022 meeting.

**5. A. Fair Expansion (Concert/Rodeo)**

Angela has a company that wants to do a Rodeo. There is a possible conflict with a concert at the same the rodeo would be scheduled. Angela will call the concert sponsors to verify they are still interested in hosting it next summer.

P9 out of Parma, ID is the rodeo sponsor. Their statement of qualifications was read to the Fair Board members. They also have a Facebook page with their information and the different events that they put on.

There was a discussion whether the Fairboard should be actively involved in the rodeo including taking tickets, soliciting vendors and staffing other activities during the event which could generate more revenue for the Fairboard. The alternative would be to have P9 be responsible for the event activities. It was decided to have P9 handle the logistics and charge them a flat rental fee. John Day has their rodeo the first weekend of August, so we would most likely interfere with them. It would be either the Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> on the first weekend of the fair, or the Friday 11<sup>th</sup>/Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> after the fair.

The annual Shrine game is the first weekend August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Fairboard agreed that the rodeo should not interfere with the Shrine game.

Michelle Kaseberg moved to approve the rodeo. Dean Defrees seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

**5. B. Water Fountain in the Main building**

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There are a few options: The current water fountain in the Event Center is broken and the parts needed are no longer produced. Thus, we can move the unit from the Cockram arena into the Event Center, alternatively we can get a new one and install it in the Event Center for \$1100.00. The last option is to upgrade to a one spout fountain with a refillable water bottle station is \$1700.00.

Mark Johnson moved to move the water fountain from the Cockram Arena to the Event Center and put the new water fountain with refillable water bottle station to Cockram Arena. There was no second.

Terri Siddoway asked if that makes sense, as there is more use in the Event Center. As the Fair is the only time that the fountains are used. Also there is not enough activity in Cockram to justify that.

Terri Siddoway moved to move the unit in the Cockram Arena to the Event Center. No Second

Clarifications that all the units being discussed are all one unit, and cannot be split up.

Mark Johnson went through occupational issues with not having a water fountain in Cockram Arena. Then poses the question: do we have two here and there? Yes, there are two fountains contained in the one unit.

Mark commented that he thinks we have to have a water fountain in the Cockram Arena, and to call the building department to verify. Terri volunteered to call the Building Department.

It was moved by Terri Siddoway that if we can't move the one in Cockram Arena to the Event Center then we get the new water fountain with bottle filler, and if we can move the one from Cockram Arena to the Event Center. Dean seconded the motion. Upon vote, motion carried with five ayes (Terri Siddoway, Dean Defrees, Ron Rowan, Michelle Kaseberg, Cliff Schoeningh), two nays (Mark Johnson, Mike Sullivan).

**5. C. New Faucets are ordered and will be installed in the girl's bathroom in the Cockram Arena.**

Gratton reported that the new faucets were installed at a cost of approximately \$564.00.

**5. D. OSU storage moved to old beef barn in one of the back corners.**

Angela Robb would like to get rid of the storage facility that OSU Extension Office uses for the different things that they do throughout the community. She asked permission to move those items into the old beef barn. How much is there? Not much, just need a place for it to move to in order to help save the Extension Office money.

**6. A. Grant Updates – Michelle**

The bleacher money is not in yet, and all the different grants are set aside for specific projects as well as 5% of the money going to the county. Once that money is in we will start making moves with the

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requests for proposals. Mark explained we will have to make sure about the funding source and timing of payment for services/improvements. Thus, specific talk about the improvements will have to wait for an October 18, 2022 meeting.

**7. Public Comment**

Gratton Miller believes that the Fair Board members should talk to the Baker City Herald regarding the capital improvements to show the community how they are utilizing the public money that they have received. Since the money isn't available yet, we should hold off until at least the October meeting before moving forward with this, to ensure consistent messaging and particulars figured out.

Mark Johnson asked Angela Robb how the communication is going with Dustin. Angela reported that it is going well. Every Monday they have a meeting laying out what needs to be done, and Dustin has been responsive and helpful on his side. Dustin worked 40 hours for 1 weeks, and was given one weeks of vacation for that time. All agree that he is doing a terrific job.

Angela Robb asked how we winterize the Adler Field. Mark said that we need to get on the list with one of the landscaping companies in town. Then it was asked whether we need to worry about the 5 acre field valves, and where that valve was. It may be off the Rodeo line, but no one on the board was sure where it is located. This will be determined as well as the water turned off for the RV hookup.

Terri talked about the issues we had with trash this year. Misty worked for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On Friday morning she handed in her keys and quit. It was decided to compensate her for the time she worked. Ron Rowan suggested we give her 75% of the total contract amount.

Trash was an issue at the fair this year. Terri Siddoway suggested all members of the board should participate at the fair and gave the example of other fairs around the state having board members present during the fair. Some assistance from 4-H leaders assisting with the trash was also offered as a solution. Angela stated that 4-H should deal with the garbage in their barns, as they were putting shavings in the garbage cans. We should also increase the dumpster size for next year. Katie Hauser (4-H Program Coordinator) said they will discuss the issue at the 4-H Leaders meeting that will be held later this year.

The trash was a decidedly negative portion of the fair.

The games were broken, no bikes or scooters next year. Totes that the games were in were broken. The volleyball was taken home and returned at a later date. The Fair Board is responsible to replace these items.

The next Fair Board meeting is October 18, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.