

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

Minutes of a Special Meeting Held August 22, 1975

CALL TO ORDER  
AND ATTENDANCE

Board Chairman Jim Springer called the special meeting to order at Butcher's Bistro in Aloha at 12:24 p.m. Those present included:

GUESTS

Larry Derr, Wash. Co. County Counsel  
Dan Potter, Wash. Co. Administrative Officer  
Herman Woll, Capt. Hillsboro Police Department  
Stan Dillion, Hillsboro Supt. of Public Works  
H. T. Kleve, Capt. Wash. Co. Sheriffs Department  
G. McCloud, Capt. Wash. Co. Sheriffs Department  
J. W. Davies, Recorder for City of Hillsboro  
Miller Duris, Mayor - City of Hillsboro

FAIR BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

James Springer  
Joe VanDyke  
Joe Evers  
Ralph Holland  
Jerry Boyer  
Dick Jossy  
Adeline Hesse

INFORMATION PERTAINING  
TO REQUEST FROM TAP-  
ROOT ... A PRODUCTION  
CO. TO USE FAIR -  
GROUNDS

Dan Potter, County Administrative Officer was introduced and informed those present of the general feelings of the Board of Commissioners of Washington County. Potter indicated that four members of the Board were not in favor of the event; although several indicated that the Fair Board should make the decision. Commissioner Dagg is vacationing and was not available for comment.

Potter also said there was concern over traffic direction and historical evidence of persons involved in the bluegrass concert.

WASH. CO. SHERIFFS  
DEPARTMENT

Capt. H. T. Kleve said that the Wash. Co. Sheriffs Department is against approval of a permit for the bluegrass concert. Reasons he stated included: Cost (approximately \$7,600.) of policing the perimeter of the fairgrounds, the force cannot handle the size of crowd anticipated, and the present contract with Wash. Co. Reserves does not seem adequate.

CITY OF HILLSBORO  
MAYOR DURIS

Originally the City of Hillsboro did not have an ordinance to prohibit large groups of any kind that intended to use the fairgrounds. Concern was raised among Council members and community, and a stringent ordinance was adopted by the City of Hillsboro.

Duris indicated the following requirements must be met by Taproot ... A Production Co. to gain a permit from the City:  
1. Taproot provide a \$3,000 cash deposit as bonding with the City of Hillsboro. - 2. Provide the City with a single limit insurance policy with the city named as insured to protect it against injury to persons or property as a result of the festival. - 3. Provide 25 acres of parking.

MAYOR DURIS  
(CONTINUED)

4. Reach an agreement with the Wash. Co. Fair Board.  
Duris and Potter both indicated that some of the parties involved must be judged on their past performance, which has been poor.

COUNTY COUNSEL

Larry Derr, County Counsel said the Fair Board could deny the request without any legal complications and cited reasons he thought, stated in previous statements were ample.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Springer then opened the meeting to discussion by the fair board.

REQUEST FOR USE OF  
THE FAIRGROUNDS

Manager Jossy told the Board that Taproot ... a Production Co. had requested use of the fairgrounds to hold a bluegrass celebration and requested a decision by the board. A brief discussion followed and several concerns were discussed including previous bookings, fall maintenance program and damage to the fairgrounds because of inadequate drainage.

MOTION. MOVED BY RALPH HOLLAND, SECONDED BY JOE VANDYKE TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR A PERMIT TO TAPROOT ... A PRODUCTION CO. TO USE THE FAIRGROUNDS. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

The Management was directed to submit a release to that effect. The release will be issued for immediate publication. Springer will notify Taproot officials of the decision.

1975 FAIR ATTENDANCE

Manager Jossy briefly reported the paid gate attendance at the 1975 Fair was up 19%.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adeline C. Hesse, Office Manager  
Washington County Fair