

M I N U T E S

Washington County Fair Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Washington County Fair Board held Tuesday, August 9, 1983, during the Washington County Fair in Fair Board headquarters beginning at 10:15 a.m.

- ATTENDANCE     Fair Board                          Staff  
Charles Colegrove                          Adeline Hesse  
Jeanne Leeson                                 Valerie Bentley  
John Love  
Margaret Sprecher  
Homer Speer, absent
- FUNDING          Fairgrounds Booster Sharon Cornish wrote the state Economic Development Department and asked for eligibility requirements for funding. The Fairgrounds Boosters may be eligible for Industrial Development Revenue Bonds as a non-profit organization established solely for community benefit. Because the fairgrounds is county owned, there may be a problem with the Boosters making such application.
- SUOMI            The Fair Board reviewed County Counsel's August 2 letter to Suomi Enterprises stating the Fair Board has reasonable cause to impose 11 days liquidated damages at \$100 per day, total \$1,100. Fair Board check for \$4,980.80 for final payment of construction less liquidated damages was included with the letter. County Counsel will be sending a corrected letter to Suomi; mistakes in August 2 letter were "Rickard" misspelled, and the letter stated 10 days liquidated damages instead of 11 days. Total amount of liquidated damages was correct.
- CHAMBER        The Board reviewed a letter from Jerry Boyer concerning Chamber destruction derby September 24. Boyer was unhappy with Hesse's proposal that the Chamber donate four large logs to the fairgrounds for the derby track. Hesse has met with Boyer and explained her request was discussed with Chamber Manager Bob Herb with no negative response. As discussed by the Fair Board at their July 13 meeting, the Chamber may have some sources the fairgrounds did not have for such a donation. Board agreed situation has been resolved and no written reply is necessary.
- CHAMBER FORUM     The August Chamber Forum will be held August 9 during the fair at Friendship Square. The fairgrounds master plan consultant Jerry Draggoo will be the speaker and will be talking about the master plan. The August Chamber Newsletter includes a position letter from the Long-Range Planning Committee, Economic & Industrial Committee and the Chamber Board of Directors.
- TERRA TRACKERS     Terra Trackers have made a \$200 donation towards the hay bill incurred by the Fair Board because they rented pasture area to Terra Trackers and lost the hay crop.
- LEADERSHIP     Hesse has been accepted into the Hillsboro Leadership program.
- MERIT RATE     Merit Rater Gordon Stanley will be arriving Thursday, August 11, to rate the fair and will meet with the Fair Board Friday, August 12, at 10 a.m. Fair Board reviewed a copy of the merit rate book Hesse supplied to Mr. Stanley.
- FINANCIAL STATEMENT     Hesse passed out copies of the 1982-83 operating statement and asked the Board to review for discussion at the September 7 meeting.

DERBY The Fair Board approved a request to build a scaffold from which to video tape the destruction derby. A hold harmless statement has been received by the Fair Board from the requesting party. There will be no time trials for the August 10 derby, and there will be more cars per heat race. Several late entries were accepted by the derby committee.

HOME EC The Fair Board reviewed a letter submitted by home economics exhibitor Nancy McWilliams who feels that a junior exhibitor has entered canned products made by an adult. The Baked Goods and Food Preservation judges could not verify the canned products to be made in the same batch. Hesse feels judges decision should be final.

MASTER PLAN There will be a press conference today, August 9, in conjunction with the Chamber Forum to alert the public of the public input sessions for the fairgrounds master plan.

MOTION: MOVED BY JEANNE LEESON, SECONDED BY MARGARET SPRECHER TO ADOPT FAIR BOARD POSITION OF CURRENTLY STUDYING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES, BUT BOARD DOES NOT CONSIDER MOVING THE FAIRGROUNDS AN OPTION. MOTION CARRIED AFTER DISCUSSION.

Taking a stand before public input meetings is a moral obligation and a political risk. Final decision on fairgrounds alternatives is the Commissioners.

ICE Coca-Cola Bottling Company is providing ice to fair concessionaires. Coca-Cola buy the ice from Koldkist and the 4-H Chuckwagon sells it to the concessionaires. Having an adequate supply of ice remains a problem.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Bentley

A G E N D A  
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Fair Board Headquarters

1. Correspondence
  - A. Economic Development Department (enclosed).
  - B. To Suomi Enterprises, Inc., from County Counsel John Junkin (enclosed).
  - C. Jerry Boyer, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Community Events Committee, concerning destruction derby (enclosed).
  - D. Copy of Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce concerning long-range plan for the fairgrounds (enclosed).
  
2. Information
  - A. Terra Trackers gave the Fairgrounds \$200 toward hay bill.
  - B. Director Hesse has been accepted into the first Hillsboro Leadership program.
  - C. County Employee two for one tickets
    - County employee
    - USA employee
  
3. Copy of Merit Rate Book as submitted to County Fair Commission ten days before fair (enclosed).