

**FAIR BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 1995**

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
George Otten
Linda Gray
Ken Leahy

STAFF

Cal Wade
Patti Lamborn
Mike Wold
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

Joanne Fisher
Fred Boyles
Rocky Williams
Jim & Karen Debbs
Larry Gast
John Robinson
Tom Gordon

CONSENT AGENDA

Wade handed out the revised budget figures. The hotel/motel tax was \$20,000 - \$22,000 short on the last pay out because a couple of hotels hadn't paid as of the date it was sent.

The All Sports Show is moving to the Coliseum. The Fair Complex facility is too small to handle the show any longer.

Gray mentioned that the annual audit will be presented December 12 at the Board of County Commissioners' work session.

Gray also questioned what the Skyline Realty payment was for under rodeo sponsorships. This was a late sponsor payment.

Gray complimented staff on the annual calendar of events.

MOTION: MOVED BY LINDA GRAY, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED.

RODEO

The rodeo board has received a \$5,000 commitment from Damerow Ford. They are giving Dodge the chance to make a counter offer.

Board members attended the PRCA Convention. They signed Steve Tomac for the clown act, Growney Brothers as stock contractor, and Joe Bumgardner and Rodney Barry as bullfighters.

December 9 the rodeo committee will start re-siding the old office.

At the last board meeting they decided they would like to add at least two additional directors to the board. They would also like to have input in selecting the rodeo directors. Boyles discussed issues with Dennis Fellows, a board director, at the convention.

The sanction forms are filled out and ready to be submitted with checks.

Lamborn told the rodeo board members she would be sending a memo to them on arena bookings for the months of June and July.

Gray requested the discussion of adding directors to the rodeo board be placed on the January agenda.

BOOSTERS

No formal report. New officers are Tom Gordon, President; Wayne Salisbury, Vice President; and Sharon Cornish, Treasurer. Wally Crawford will remain as membership chairman.

MARKETING

Lamborn will begin including the 4-H informational billings in the agenda packets. With this information she is still hoping to write a grant to offset some of the expenses. November was a good month. The final tally shows that November 1995 was within \$4 of November 1994.

The maintenance team really helped out with the tear-down of Haunted Caves. Lamborn gave special credit to Mike Wold and Jim Jordan for their assistance.

She is trying to develop a computer program to help keep better record of the facility bookings.

MAINTENANCE

Mike Wold gave this month's report. Rock has been spread along the RV park drive. He has been working on upgrading the 28th Street reader board. He is installing new tracking and the letters will be interchangeable with those on 34th Street. Wold also re-seeded the carnival area and repaired the chain link fence someone had driven through.

Jordan has installed new lights in the Meeting Room, two new lights on the west side of the Poultry/Rabbit Barn for better walkway lighting, and has added porch cell lights at the Floral Building. He is currently installing a new vacuum switch in the milking parlor.

Bemis is in the midst of a major plumbing repair in the Main Exhibit Building. He is still waiting for information from the engineers on the seismic upgrade.

Jerry Wood and Albert Flanagan have been busy with events. They are also helping out as needed by the rest of the team.

Green Thumb worker, Ginny Boje, has supervised a crew of restitution workers to clean gutters and landscaping.

4-H HORSE

Thomas asked if Joanne Fisher, representative from the 4-H Horse Advisory, had anything she wished to discuss. She said their next meeting will be next Tuesday. A committee has been formed to discuss the stalling issue.

ME BUILDING

The engineers are behind in getting the information to Bemis. They have promised to have the final engineering report by the January meeting.

The county has agreed to help with financing. There are three different options: 1) internal borrowing which is the simplest and easiest, 2) COP's which would not be available until Spring, and 3) a line of credit with a bank that the county would underwrite.

Wade suggested waiting until the final cost figures are in from the engineers.

RV SITES

The additional sites adjacent to the rodeo office did not get in this fall. The City of Hillsboro held up the permits and now the rain has completely put a stop to the job. Wade and staff will re-evaluate the need for the sites in the spring.

Three permits are required: electrical, water, and RV park.

ENTERTAINMENT LAWSUIT

In July an agent threatened to sue because of restriction of trade. The entertainment contracts have clauses which restrict an entertainer from performing within a certain radius. This is common practice. The agent is also suing State Fair.

FLOOR SCRUBBING MACHINE

Lamborn presented a request for the purchase of a new floor scrubbing machine for the Main Exhibit Building.

Currently the building is being hand mopped and dirt is being moved from place-to-place. Lamborn stated that it takes four hours to mop a 20,000 square foot area. The machine would do it in 47 minutes. The machine would also do a much better job. She has been receiving far too many complaints recently on the building maintenance. If the building is not cleaned better bookings will drop off.

Lamborn has also researched the materials needed for stripping, sealing, and floor finishing the ME.

The machine would cost \$6,800 and she estimates it will pay for itself within one year.

MOTION: MOVED BY GEORGE OTTEN, SECONDED BY LINDA GRAY, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO STAY WITHIN THE \$6,800 BUDGET FOR A FLOOR MACHINE. MOTION PASSED.

FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

Thomas had requested and has received a list of fair superintendents from Oxendine. He is going to call each one to see if all is well in their department.

ENTERTAINMENT

Wade attended the International Fairs Convention for the purpose of developing an entertainment circuit.

Offers have been sent to Chris LeDoux for \$20,000, Tracy Laurence for \$25,000 and Emilio for \$15,000. These would be Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday concerts. The Lugnuts would continue to perform on Thursday night. Their cost is \$4,000.

Wade mentioned that many of the artists want to do only one show. Laurence is one of these and the schedule will have to be adjusted so the entertainment does not interfere with rodeo.

He stated he is trying to keep the entertainment costs down to cover the added rodeo money.

RODEO BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The board decided to postpone the Executive Session to make the appointments until the entire board was present. Leahy and Gray both felt the appointments could be done as a regular agenda item rather than Executive Session. Wade said in the past the appointments have been done in Executive Session to give the board freedom to talk about the different personalities applying for the rodeo board. Thomas said he prefers to do Executive Session.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Oxendine
Secretary