MINUTES OF FAIR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 1992

FAIR BOARD
John Thomas
Rocky Williams
Marla Warren
Ken Leahy
Kathy Christy

STAFF Cal Wade Ron McAuley Sue Oxendine Patti Poe

GUESTS
Ed Dougherty
Jim Harp, Forest Grove Times
Eric Apalategui, Argus
Connie Potter, The Oregonian

Chairman John Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. New board members, Ken Leahy and Kathy Christy, were welcomed.

The entire FairPlex staff was introduced as was Ed Dougherty. Dougherty explained his job as entertainment agent for the fair. The following artists have been tendered offers for the fair: Merle Haggard, Tuesday; The Bellamy Brothers, Wednesday; Tammy Wynette, Sunday. Johnny Limbo & The Lugnuts have already confirmed for Thursday. Saturday & Sunday are still open.

MARKETING REPORT

Poe reported business increased 80% in November over 1990. One show each from Memorial Coliseum, The Expo Center, and Montgomery Park are moving to the FairPlex. All Oregon Products, Inc. is moving its show to the FairPlex in January of 1993.

CONSENT AGENDA

Wade believes his revised budget figures are still in line. The cash reserve will probably be closer to \$200,000 rather than \$300,000. This is due in part to land payments, permits, assessments, and over run of the Main Exhibit Building.

MOTION: MOVED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MARLA WARREN, TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

RODEO BOARD

The Rodeo Board has made the recommendation to change the rodeo sanction from Pacific Coast Rodeo Association to Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association. This will open the door for bigger and better entertainment, stock, and cowboys.

MOTION: MOVED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MARLA WARREN, TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE SANCTION OF THE RODEO. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board reappointments are Larry Bellamy, Winnie Daniels, and George Kneese.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, TO ACCEPT THE RODEO BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following have been signed for the 1992 rodeo: Charley Thronkmorton, Announcer; Dale Woodard, Contract Act, and John Groaney, Stock Contractor.

The rodeo office is being remodeled so that the 4-H office and rodeo contestant areas will be separate.

A section of the rodeo arena fence needs to be finished. The estimated cost is \$3,400 for the panels. The rodeo board is looking for money.

MAINTENANCE

McAuley reported November and December projects included building panels for sheep and goats, prep and painting the Main Exhibit Building south section, prepping the north and middle sections for painting, and applying a third coat of sealer to the ME floor.

Forty picnic tables have been ordered. The Boosters donated \$1,600 toward their purchase. An Eagle Scout is looking for a project and McAuley is going to talk with him about putting all the tables together.

The Livestock Association donated \$1,000 towards the cost of the sheep and goat pens. The goal is to build 450 panels.

POTLUCK DINNER

Board members were reminded of the dinner to be held at the Thomas residence. The dinner is to honor Lloyd Baron and Jeanne Leeson, retiring board members.

HAPPY DAYS

Wade reviewed the history of recent Happy Days for the new board members. A deadline of December 2 was given to the Jaycees to respond to Wade's letter regarding the non renewal of their contract. No response was received although Mike Vandebusche spoke with Wade by telephone after the deadline.

Denise Mulley, co-chairman for Happy Days, phoned Wade today and stated the Jaycees would like to speak with the fair board. Wade said he would pass the request on to the board.

Williams stated now is the time to stand firm. He believes the Jaycees want to use up more time so an alternate plan can not be worked out in time for the July event.

The task force formed to help make the decision and recommendation to end the relationship between the Jaycees and Happy Days would have to be reconvened to come up with an alternate plan for the Fourth of July festival. The Jaycees could be involved in a limited way such as the chicken barbecue.

The Chamber now owns the name of Happy Days. The 1991 revenue the FairPlex received from the event was approximately \$14,000. The major expense of Happy Days is the fireworks and FairPlex rental.

The FairPlex has no liability to the creditors from the 1991 event, but may be held liable if the Jaycees are allowed to run Happy Days in 1992 when the fair board is aware that they have outstanding debts from 1991.

Warren agreed with Williams saying she would prefer to meet with the task force to discuss alternatives for Happy Days.

Christy and Leahy both concurred. Christy suggested adding additional parking fees for Air Show to help defray the costs of the fireworks.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY KATHY CHRISTY, TO REFER TO THE TASK FORCE FOR SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HAPPY DAYS AND BRING BACK TO THE BOARD BY TELEPHONE OR SPECIAL MEETING. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTIVE 20/30 PAPER DROP

The club wants to abandon the paper drop box. The price of newsprint has dropped and the City wants \$10,000 for a permit. The club volunteered to help landscape the area after the building is torn down.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN

Oxendine reported on the style of drinking fountain chosen by Joe Evers and his family to replace the memorial fountain to his father that was taken out when the roadways were paved in front of the barns years ago. The cost of the fountain is \$862.00.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, TO PURCHASE THE FOUNTAIN WITH TWO SIDE BUTTONS WITH HANDICAP ACCESS. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

ARTS & CRAFTS RESTROOMS

Wade reported the restrooms are still on the agenda for the Square Dancers. The City would not accept the original plans. They have been redrawn and resubmitted and are waiting for approval from the City.

GOALS FOR 1992

In Wade's opinion 1992 needs to be the year when decisions are made for generating funds for new building(s). The Chamber has a task force to review ideas for this. The Chamber Executive Board turned down the findings of a report sent from the task force.

The fair board should be thinking of priorities including the pros and cons of going for a bond election and deciding if one or all the projects should be tackled at once. The three project areas are: Multi-Purpose Pavilion, Grandstand, and Livestock Pavilion. Monies generated from one project could possibly generate funds for the other two to be built. In Wade's opinion this would be the Multi-Purpose Pavilion. Wade suggested possibilities of a fund raiser with a bond issue to match for the pavilion.

Another item that must be addressed in 1992 is the Master Plan. The weakness of the 1984 Plan was under estimating the growth in Washington County, and when it was updated it was not updated beyond 1994.

A new Master Plan needs to be written or the current one updated

beyond 1994. The suggestion was made to contact Jerry Draggoo, original author of the 1984 Master Plan, to review and update the plan.

The county ordinance calls for the 1994 deadline to be met which at the current rate is impossible. The Master Plan must be updated to accommodate for growth and approved. It should also be updated and approved while the current Board of County Commissioners and Administrator are in office. Wade will discuss the update with Bonnie Hays and contact Draggoo on the costs of the update.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Warren nominated John Thomas to serve as Chairman. Seconded by Rocky Williams.

MOTION: MOVED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY KATHY CHRISTY, TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS AND CAST AN UNANIMOUS BALLOT. APPROVED.

Williams nominated Marla Warren to serve as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Kathy Christy.

MOTION: MOVED BY KATHY CHRISTY, SECONDED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS AND CAST AN UNANIMOUS BALLOT. APPROVED.

Williams nominated Kathy Christy to serve as Treasurer. Seconded by Marla Warren.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS AND CAST AN UNANIMOUS BALLOT. APPROVED.

NON-AGENDA

New fair board members were asked to arrange appointments at Moments In Times or another photography studio for their photos.

MOTION: MOVED BY KEN LEAHY, SECONDED BY MARLA WARREN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled fair board meeting will be February 5, 1992 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Oxendine Secretary

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