

FAIR BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 9, 1991

4:30 PM

FAIR BOARD

Lloyd Baron
Jeanne Leeson
Rocky Williams
John Thomas
Marla Warren

STAFF

Cal Wade
Ron McAuley
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

John Meek
Fred Scheller

The meeting was opened by Chairman Lloyd Baron and the public was welcomed.

John Meek thanked the board and staff for being able to work with them and for a job well done. Board members in turn thanked Meek for his years of service to the fairgrounds and wished him luck as a State Legislator. He issued a special invitation to board members and staff to visit his office, H-382, at the State Capitol.

CONSENT AGENDA

Wade estimated a year end balance carry forward of \$300,000.

MOTION: MOVED BY JEANNE LEESON, SECONDED BY JOHN THOMAS, TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED.

BOOSTERS

At the last Booster meeting the election of officers was held. Those elected were: Fred Scheller, President; Wally Crawford, Vice President; and Dale Scheller, Membership Chairman.

The Boosters have an estimated \$10,000 in CD's and another \$2,000 - \$3,000 in their checking account.

The next Booster meeting will be in February. Plans are to have a membership drive. As an incentive to joining the Boosters and be active in the organization, a one day non-transferable fair pass would be given in exchange for a commitment to help with the various Booster activities throughout the year.

MOTION: MOVED BY JEANNE LEESON, SECONDED BY JOHN THOMAS, TO OFFER TWO DAILY PASSES TO EACH NEW MEMBER JOINING THE BOOSTERS. MOTION PASSED.

The Kiwanis Club has been helping the Boosters. Wade suggested the Kiwanis be nominated by the Boosters to receive the service group award at fair time.

RODEO BOARD

The stock contractor has been chosen. The Queen tryouts were held. Allison Helner was selected as the 1991 Queen. Princesses are Tiffany Braun and Marla Vandyke.

MAINTENANCE

November and December projects included RV storage, reinforcing

tables for the Main Exhibit Building, building new display tables and easels for 4-H and Arts & Crafts, and the Main Exhibit Building renovations.

The steel for the ME is scheduled for delivery January 10 or 11. It will be erected the following week. Once the new beams are up the floor will be poured.

Baron commented that the frontage piece of land will need re-seeding.

The only damage during the December freeze was to the ME restrooms. Wade and McAuley have decided the restrooms will have to be heated in order to have winter events in the ME and Arts & Crafts Buildings.

CHAMBER LONG RANGE COMMITTEE

Lloyd Baron reported that the committee is very supportive of the fairgrounds. The committee suggests that the fairgrounds should try to purchase the land with fairgrounds funds if a 10 - 15 year contract is available. The committee also suggested starting a program similar to the "Friends of the Zoo" to help raise money. Committee members would like to see the fairgrounds become a year around center.

Wade asked for approval from the board to negotiate with Quadrant on the purchase of the land. After brief discussion of the pros and cons of land purchase vs. investment in buildings the consensus of the board was to look at the long range positive implications of acquiring the land.

Wade is planning to get information from George Shelley regarding tax incentives for Quadrant in letting the fairgrounds have an extension of the lease or low payments.

MOTION: MOVED BY JEANNE LEESON, SECONDED BY JOHN THOMAS, TO AUTHORIZE WADE TO APPROACH THE PROPERTY OWNERS WITH THE REALTOR TO NEGOTIATE A LONG TERM LEASE AND EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS. MOTION PASSED.

MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING

The bids were opened in November. The low bid of \$104,000 was accepted. Formal ratification of the bid is needed as well as ratification of the \$25,000 + bid work clear span of the South section.

MOTION: MOVED BY JOHN THOMAS, SECONDED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, TO RATIFY THE BIDS FOR THE MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING WORK. MOTION PASSED.

ELECTION COSTS

MOTION: MOVED BY JOHN THOMAS, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO PAY THE BILL OF \$26,239.59. MOTION PASSED.

HAPPY DAYS

Wade has finally heard from Shawn Hering of the Jaycees. Hering expressed doubts of Happy Days taking place this year. The Hillsboro Jaycees are experiencing many of difficulties with their members.

The Hillsboro Chamber were bombarded with complaints over the 1990 Happy Days and Air Show. A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 14, at 7 PM with the Jaycees, Bob Herb of the Chamber, Wade, and Hillsboro Mayor Shirley Huffman to discuss the problems. Herb has assured Wade that the decision to end the Jaycees' involvement with Happy Days will be a community decision. No one wants a war between the fairgrounds and Jaycees.

The question all this raises is if the Fair Board wants to keep Happy Days going by either running it themselves or tapping another service group to do the event or help with it. The consensus of the board was to keep a Happy Days type of event but change the name and flavor of the celebration.

Williams, Leeson, and Wade were asked to attend the meeting on the 14th to represent the Fair Board.

HATFIELD REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Wade, Leeson, Baron, Bob Herb, and Gene Leo met with Ray Naff of Senator Hatfield's office to discuss alternative funding ideas for the fairgrounds. Mr. Naff didn't give any definite possibilities but he was made aware of the fairgrounds' needs.

Glenn Walters suggested to Leeson that the Ad Hoc Committee formed after the defeat of the bond election be strengthened with prestigious members from the business community, including the high tech companies.

ELK HEAD IN THE CLOVERLEAF

The office has received numerous complaints from those renting the Cloverleaf regarding the elk head. Staff would like it permanently removed from the building.

Williams offered to take it. He asked Wade to check with Fred Boyles who donated the head to get his OK.

OTA GRANT REQUEST

Wade is submitting another grant. He feels there is a strong possibility that Regional Strategy monies will be taken due to Proposition 5. He is requesting \$260,000 for the grandstand and \$400,000 for the livestock building.

MOTION: MOVED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO AUTHORIZE WADE TO PROCEED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION. MOTION PASSED.

91/92 BUDGET

The entertainment budget has been increased to offset the anticipated public outcry to the \$6 gate. This increase will not set a

precedent for 1992 and future years. Wade is going to Western Fairs Convention at the end of January and hopes to "wrap up" the major entertainers.

1991 is the year to concentrate on equipment purchases rather than building construction except for some RV spaces and storage facilities.

MEETING WITH MURRAY FRETZ

Wade and Thomas met with Murray Fretz of the PI. The PI has serious financial problems. Fretz is proposing two possible alternatives to his board. 1. Skip a year - Sr. show only and 2. Reduce the number of days for the Sr. show and reduce the number of breeds. Apparently the breed associations are not contributing enough premium money.

Wade believes some of the PI's problems are lack of attendance. He suggested a possible joint venture with the Fair Board and PI. He made it clear to Fretz that he had not talked this over with the Fair Board and would need their OK. Fretz made no commitment to the idea. He is meeting with his board and will discuss developments with Wade.

AIR SHOW

The dates are set for June 15 & 16.

JOHN MEEK THANK YOU

The Fair Board and staff will honor Meek at a dinner. A date will be selected after talking with Meek. He will be given a lifetime pass and plaque.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominated and elected to office for 1991 were John Thomas, Chairman; Jeanne Leeson, Vice Chairman; and Marla Warren, Treasurer.

BLEACHERS IN THE MAIN ARENA

Williams is requesting a bleacher company be asked to look at the possibilities of adding a 1000 seat bleacher over the calf chute. He feels that the fair advertises the rodeo and other events and should be able to seat more of the patrons. The rest of the board concurred.

Yamhill County is trying to get off our fair dates. They have 4000 seats they can rent out. This is a possibility.

Thomas suggested looking at options to buy rather than rent. Baron advised having a bleacher company look at the space and discuss the options.

WISH BOOK

Baron suggested starting a "Wish Book" of projects and items for the fairgrounds. Included would be descriptions and estimated costs. The book would be used by organizations and individuals who wished to donate something to the fairgrounds. Interest was expressed. Wade requested that staff not be respon-

sible for the book's production. The staff will be consulted or asked to submit wish lists.

MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING ENTRANCES

Code required 30 linear feet of egress for the ME. McAuley asked Michael Parich, Architect, for sketches of doorways to the building. Parich has designed an improved entryway for the East entrance that would include a foyer and inside access from the ME to the restrooms. He also has added doorways with panic bars which are required and re-designed the South entrance. Estimated costs of the doorways are \$20,000 - \$25,000.

The sprinkler system is not required. McAuley and Wade are recommending doing the rough plumbing but waiting 2 - 3 years before installing the sprinkler system. This may result in loss of some funding from the Lottery as the sprinklers were included in the proposal.

The consensus of the board was to go with Parich's sketches.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Oxendine
Secretary

1990 FAIR BOARD ATTENDANCE

DATE	LLOYD BARON	JEANNE LEESON	JOHN MEEK	JOHN THOMAS	ROCKY WILLIAMS
<u>1-3</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>2-7</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>2-14 SP</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>3-7</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>3-21 SP</u>	✓	✓		✓	
<u>4-4</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>4-12 SP</u>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<u>4-25 SP</u>		✓		✓	✓
<u>5-2</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>5-16 SP</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>6-6-90</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>7-11-90</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>8-10-90</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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<u>9-21-90</u>	/	/	/	/	/
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<u>11-7-90</u>		✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>11-13-90</u>	✓			✓	✓
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