

FAIR BOARD MINUTES
JULY 5, 1995

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
Ken Leahy
Linda Gray
George Otten
Absent: David Lintz due to traffic tie-up

STAFF

Cal Wade
Patti Lamborn
Mike Wold
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

Bonnie Hays
Fred Boyles

CONSENT AGENDA

The 1994-95 year-end total cash resources are \$196,191.10. The interim income is up substantially as is fair booth income.

On the expense side personnel costs are over budget due to the state industrial payment of \$20,000. Other non-budgeted expense items include \$56,000 for the ME roof and consultant fees for Bonnie Hays and Norm Landerman-Moore.

Wade announced that he is very pleased with the year-end but wants to have the contingency around \$300,000 by the end of next fiscal if at all possible.

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

RODEO BOARD

Chairman Fred Boyles reported the grandstand is painted except for some touch-up work. New pens are almost complete. The new carpeting for the rodeo office and museum is being installed. Boyles said he has three new members who really work hard.

Open house is scheduled for July 8 at 2 p.m. All fair board members are invited to attend.

Gray voiced concerns about the roof. One corner is leaking which is making the ceiling and walls mildew. The leak is located in the southeast corner above the 4-H office and one corner of the museum. Boyles believes the leak is around the air conditioning unit. Wade said he will get someone to look at the roof and get an estimate to have it repaired.

FAIR BOOSTERS

No one was present from the organization to give the report. Wade stated the group is getting ready for air show. Sharon Cornish is in charge of recruiting help. She needs additional help Saturday and Sunday. Wade asked if rodeo board members could help. Boyles said he would check.

MARKETING

Lamborn reported that there were two weekends in June when every facility was in use. She credited the maintenance team with the quick turn-around of the buildings.

The National Guernsey Show went well although there were some problems when a bull escaped from the arena where the Mexican Rodeo was being held.

NIKE had a 300 person party in the armory. Phil Knight of NIKE said he had a good time and enjoyed the facilities.

MAINTENANCE

Wold gave this month's report. He has completed a new sewer line from the washracks. Thanks were given to Ken Leahy for providing assistance and a crew and to Boyles for the donated pipe. The concrete around the washracks still needs to be repaired. Repairs are being made to the 4-H barn and sheep/goat barns.

Thanks to the entire maintenance team the brush has been chipped and cleaned up. Wold has also put up the dog tent, picnic tent, and land products tent covers.

Earl Bemis has been busy building information boards for fair, new tie racks in the beef/dairy barns, and a tie rack for the horses.

Jim Jordan continues with vehicle maintenance and electrical repairs. Wold demonstrated the bells, sirens, and whistles on the new fire truck. Wade said he would like to purchase a foamer for the truck.

Boyles commented on how helpful the maintenance team has been and how appreciative the rodeo committee is that the equipment has been available for their use.

BONNIE HAYS

Representative Tom Brian has advised Hays that the fair board needs to be careful in responding to public inquiry about the funding. The special funding list is only known to a few legislators.

The Governor is reconsidering some of his earlier positioning on the project. He and Brian are becoming good friends and a dialog has developed between them. Another Kitzhaber staffer has also been instrumental in turning some of the Governor's negative feelings around.

Norm Landerman-Moore has drafted a letter to the EDA administrator. Ann Berlinger of the EDA has suggested that letters of recommendation and endorsements from the five regional councils be obtained.

Hays noted changes she has made in her original Executive Summary. They include asking for a legislative commitment of \$2.5 million, reducing the federal dollars from \$1.75 million to \$1.25 million, and increasing the private funding to \$1.25 million.

The meeting with Intel has been rescheduled to July 19. She is holding off contacting other electronic firms until after the meeting with Intel. Hays is also trying to get an appointment with Phil Knight of NIKE.

She has asked the WCVA, POVA, and different chamber of commerce executives for leads of businesses and/or organizations who have inquired about relocating or building in the county.

The Special Legislative Session for this month is supposed to deal only with the North/South light rail proposal. Hays will still stay in Salem in case the special funding list is addressed.

Otten asked if Hays was pursuing the Nurseryman's Association. Hays replied that she is letting the situation cool down before approaching them. They were turned down by the legislators.

Wade asked the board if they wanted Hays to continue to pursue the private sector. Board members were in complete agreement that avenues of funding should continue to be pursued.

TRI-MET

Wade, Leahy, and Lintz met with Tri-Met two weeks ago. Leahy looked at the plans for the tracks and station. He said a happy medium has been reached with the station being returned to the original location on the dog leg.

AIR SHOW

Rose Festival has assured Wade that they won't shut the roads down until 4,000 cars are parked in the Fair Complex lots.

The Hillsboro Police Department has lost its source of food for all the police lunches during the air show. Wade has pledged \$2,000 towards the food. He felt this would be a good PR move. Board members concurred.

The Forum luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, July 13. Board members are all invited to attend.

FAIR

Oxendine reported the Entertainment Guides are on their way to press. They look great thanks to the artistry of Colleen McNally. This year has been especially difficult due to late sponsors and entertainment bookings.

New people are filling some key positions. Meri Putzler is taking over as Entertainment Coordinator and there will be a new person in the evening PA slot. Linda Gardener will be taking over for Lamborn as the head cashier. Oxendine said she is still looking for a

Milk Parlor Superintendent and barn night hawk. Stacey Putzler has been the ace in the office. She is willing to learn anything and is quick to get projects completed for fair.

The Sunday entertainment has finally been booked. Baldemero Andrades has been a big help in booking the bands.

Oxendine asked the board to come up with some creative ideas for honoring the volunteers following the fair. In the past banquets and desserts have been poorly attended. Some suggestions included raffles of prizes or trips.

The fair board was requested to help with the commercial booth judging.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Oxendine
Secretary