

FAIR BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 1, 1994

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
George Otten
David Lintz
Ken Leahy
Linda Gray

STAFF

Cal Wade
Patti Poe
Mike Wold
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

Connie Potter
Eric Apalategui

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The projected cash carry forward is \$198,163. With bingo and some additional fair income the amount could be closer to \$211,377.

The RFP for the Cloverleaf air conditioning for the Cloverleaf Building is going out tomorrow, June 2.

The first invoice from Norm Landerman-Moore was received. The \$1,700 will be paid this fiscal.

DEQ has contacted the Wade about the underground tank removal. Apparently DEQ was not called for an inspection when the tanks were removed. Wade talked to them prior to the removal and has since talked with DEQ. They appear satisfied that everything has been done properly.

Lintz complimented Wade on a job well done in keeping the budget in line. He extended the compliment to the entire staff as well.

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

RODEO BOARD

No report was given.

BOOSTERS

The boosters will meet following the fair board meeting. They are seeking volunteers for the various projects and booths needing staffed during the upcoming months. Tonight they will be concentrating on Air Show parking volunteers. This weekend a food booth will be manned for the Ford Mustang Show.

The people mover is being restored by a group from the boosters.

MARKETING

May was a good month. Poe gave credit to the maintenance staff for a great job in turning the buildings around quickly between rentals. The Armory is working out well.

Bingo continues to hold its own. The Department of Justice did the first audit of the bingo and says everything looks good.

RV PARKING

During the last week of June the national Square Dancing Convention will be held in Portland. 1,900 - 2,000 RV's are expected to park at the Fair Complex. They will also be using some of the buildings for dances and get togethers.

Hollywood Lights is furnishing electrical hookups for every RV. Clark County has agreed to cover costs of extra staff needed to man phones and answer the thousands of expected questions. Clark County was going to park the RV's but decided at the last minute they were not equipped to do so and asked the Fair Complex to help.

Wade and Poe have met with the Hillsboro Police and Fire Departments. The only concern expressed by the fire department was that the crop on Gardner-Beedon and Quadrant be mowed and the rows between the RV's be wide enough to turn their engines around should an emergency arise.

Buses furnished by Evergreen will run to and from the Convention Center.

Water will be provided by the Fair Complex water truck which has a newly lined tank and safe hoses. Ronjons will have a honey wagon continually going through the grounds to pump the waste water tanks on the RV's.

During the weekend of June 24-25 there will also be 500 tents pitched in the carnival area for the Society of Creative Anachronisms. They will reenact a mediaeval encampment and battle. Also on the weekend a 4-H poultry show and horse show are taking place.

MAINTENANCE

Mike Wold reported the maintenance team has been busy with the following projects: removing the old light pole in the garden area and installing two fiberglass poles, assisting the boosters with the people mover restoration, digging up the tree roots along the main walkway, and connecting the power and water to the rodeo grounds.

A temporary landscaper has been hired. Luis Castenda will help with the general maintenance as well. He has also proven valuable for Poe who works with the Hispanic community and has problems sometimes created by the language barrier.

The garden club ladies planted flowers around the gazebo and totem pole.

The Toro mower caught on fire while being used. It may be salvageable for between \$6,000 - \$7,000 but repairs can not be done until after fair. No insurance was held on it

or any of the vehicles. A mower was purchased for use behind the small tractor. A smaller mower and weed eater were also purchased.

BUSINESS PLAN

Poe, Wade, and Oxendine met with Norm Landerman-Moore the second time. He has been throwing out a lot of ideas for discussion. He has requested meetings with key people in the City. Landerman-Moore will attend the July fair board meeting to address ideas and gather more data from the fair board.

Lintz stated he will be out of town July 6 which is the next scheduled date.

MASTER PLAN

The County Commissioners approved the Master Plan along with the addendum requested by the City.

AIR SHOW

The boosters will sell parking tickets. RV parking was opened this morning, June 1. A line was waiting at the door at 8 a.m. Wade and the air show committee have reached an agreement that 3500 - 4000 cars per day will be parked at the Fair Complex before the shuttle lots are opened.

FAIR

The fair's entertainment lineup is still not complete. The scheduled Wednesday night headliners may not play. Their deadline for final notice is Friday. The Sunday evening Hispanic Fiesta bands are set. Four bands will entertain.

Premium books are out and all board members were asked to deliver some if possible.

MOTION: MOVED BY GEORGE OTTEN, SECONDED BY KEN LEAHY, TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORS. 192.610 - 192.690.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was called to discuss the Gardner-Beedon property and its importance to the Fair Complex and Tri-Met. Tri-Met is planning to proceed with the park and ride lot as shown on the Master Plan. The lot plus the water quality retention reservoirs or tanks will take approximately one third of the property.

The Fair Complex has a lease with an option on the land until July 1. Tri-Met would buy the property plus the dogleg for the parking lot. The money gained from the sale of the dogleg could be used by the Fair Complex to improve the remainder of 34th St. Tri-Met will have responsibility for 1/2 the street improvement. The consensus of the board was to bank any proceeds for future use. The improvement of 34th would have no immediate benefit to the Fair Complex.

Tri-Met is interested in the Fair Complex controlling the property. Lintz suggested there are two options: Tri-Met would let the Fair Complex use the remaining portion of the Gardner-Beedon after the parking lot and retention areas are taken. The other option is to close on the property and find funds with a year to purchase it. However, it would appear Tri-Met is not interested in selling.

Lintz suggested getting a letter to Mike Tharp that memorializes the agreement that the Fair Complex will pay a nominal closing fee and agree to pay the balance at one year. A letter from Tri-Met stating they will buy the needed property, including the dog leg, is also needed.

Questions regarding the location of the extension service remain unanswered.

The suggestion was made to call another meeting with Tri-Met and the City of Hillsboro. Wade wants to have separate meetings. He would prefer dealing directly with Tri-Met. The issue of the Grant St. extension and needed pedestrian ways was raised. The City offered to pay for the pedestrian and bike path. Wade said this money has already been committed by Tri-Met and the City was not doing the Fair Complex a favor as had been implied.

It was decided that Wade will talk with Mike Tharp about a four month extension on the current option.

MOTION: MOVED BY DAVID LINTZ, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, TO ADJOURN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION INTO REGULAR SESSION.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR SESSION. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Oxendine
Secretary

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 6, 1994.