

**MINUTES OF FAIR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 5, 1991**

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
Jeanne Leeson
Marla Warren
Rocky Williams
Lloyd Baron

STAFF

Cal Wade
Sue Oxendine
Ron McAuley
Don Whittaker

GUESTS

Fred Scheller

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The last quarterly Hotel/Motel tax was received at the County. It has not yet been forwarded to the FairPlex office but the amount is approximately \$55,000.

MOTION: MOVED BY LLOYD BARON, SECONDED BY MARLA WARREN TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED.

RODEO BOARD

The Rodeo Board would like a date for the installation of the rental bleachers. Warren asked that their installation not interfere with 4-H Horse Fair if possible.

The Queen & Court and the Power Rents Girls are riding in the Rose Festival Parade.

FAIRPLEX MARKETING

No report.

MAINTENANCE

May projects included putting siding on the gable ends of the Main Exhibit Building, installing exhaust fans in the cupola, and rebuilding the cupola. Power to the livestock and horse gates was added and two new light poles for the new commercial area were installed. The Floral Building is being readied for paint. Work continues on the new RV spaces with trenching for the conduit completed.

BEER CONCESSION

Of the five companies invited to bid, four responded. The bid was given to the Reedsville Cafe.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Those nominated are as follows: Individual - Dick & Florence Lewis and Pearl Christensen, Business - D.F. McClenny, Organization - Kiwanis and Washington County Board of County Commissioners.

After a brief discussion the following were selected to receive the awards and life time passes:

Individual - Dick & Florence Lewis
Chairman's Award - Pearl Christensen
Business - D.F. McClenny Refrigeration

Organization - Kiwanis Club

MOTION: MOVED BY LLOYD BARON, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO APPROVE THE SELECTIONS. MOTION PASSED.

CHAMBER TASK FORCE

The Task Force was formed to promote and gather support the FairPlex. Members were appointed by the Chamber Board to:

1. to figure out how to get better visibility for the FairPlex
2. find where and how to get financing
3. maintain hotel/motel tax

Three subcommittees were appointed for each issue. Recommendations will be in by Christmas.

FAIR

Oxendine reported that the fair was on schedule. The Premium Book is out and one new beef entry has been received. The ME is sold out and a few outside commercial spaces remain. There are problems with selling the bulk spaces (tractor dealers). Fair board members offered suggestions for potential bulk commercial vendors.

AIR SHOW

Board members who committed to work the weekend are Lloyd Baron, Jeanne Leeson, John Thomas, and Marla Warren. Wade is getting a commitment from the Boosters.

BEDDING PROBLEMS DURING FAIR

Research has shown the shavings traditionally used as animal bedding are expensive and scarce.

The current plan is to leave the shavings used during the Jr. PI are being left down and straw will be used as a top dressing.

Wade, McAuley, Fretz from the PI, and Oxendine looked at a chopper which is expensive and will take 3 men to run. Wade is now pursuing a forage chopper.

Other bedding materials were discussed including newspaper, sand, and chips from road tree work. The newspaper was discarded because of dust, black ink, and non-absorbency.

Wade asked the board to accept the decision reached by himself, Oxendine, and McAuley as to the best solution.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

George Horner has once again agreed to pull a wagon advertising the fair. Board members were asked to call Oxendine as to who would be available to ride.

STAGE

R.F. Reed has raised the price of the stage. In 1990 the fair paid \$4,732. They are asking for \$5,900 for this year plus a 3 year contract. Raises would be accessed over the three years.

Without a three year contract the charge would be \$7,000. Wade does not recommend a three year contract because of the possibilities of building a permanent stage.

Wade is putting the stage contract out to bid for 1991.

SYRUP TAX

A federal tax on soft drink syrup has been implemented. A plan, which is still in the developmental stages, would have the money returned to certain recreational use facilities, primarily RV.

Doug Olson and Bob Shroyer of the County are aware of the proposal. They are looking at the funds to help develop Hagg Lake. Shroyer believes the FairPlex would also qualify for the funding if it becomes available.

HAPPY DAYS

Wade has not had a meeting with the Hillsboro Jr. Chamber of Commerce. They were supposed to meet to discuss the Happy Days layout and its impact on the grounds.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY LLOYD BARON, TO ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10 PM

The next regularly scheduled Fair Board meeting is July 3 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Oxendine