

Washington County Fair Board
MINUTES

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Washington County Fair Board held Wednesday, June 7, 1989, beginning at 4:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Fair Board

Jeanne Leeson
Rocky Williams
Lloyd Baron
John Meek
John Thomas

Staff

Cal Wade
Ron McAuley
Sue Oxendine

Guests

Bob Jensen
Marla Warren
Stan Dillon

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Leeson at 4:30 PM. The public was welcomed and asked to speak up on any issues of concern.

Bob Jensen addressed the Board. He has been notified by the rodeo board that his wagon and team will not be used to pick up the barrels at this year's rodeo. He believes the deciding issue is one of money sponsorships. He appealed to the fair board to discuss the matter with the rodeo board.

Meek stated the fair board has a policy of delegating the operation of the rodeo to the rodeo board.

Williams offered to go with Jensen to discuss the issue with Irwin Schimmel of Power Rents.

OREGONIAN EDITORIAL

An editorial was published in the Oregonian. The editorial was in support of the PI and growth of the fairgrounds. Leeson has drafted a letter to Governor Goldschmidt telling him a little about the board, Master Plan and future hopes for the fairgrounds in relation to the surrounding communities. The letter was amended by the Board and then signed and sent along with the editorial.

CONSENT AGENDA

Year end projections were discussed. Income is expected to be more than expenses.

MOTION: MOVED BY LLOYD BARON, SECONDED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED.

FAIR BOOSTERS

Stan Dillon reported final plans for the Air Show will be reviewed at the June 7 meeting.

The Boosters were awarded the Mushaw Center Award for the organization of the year award. Columbia County has invited Fred Scheller and Wade to address a group about forming a booster's organization for their county.

RODEO BOARD

Williams reported that everything was running smoothly for the rodeo. The rodeo board has requested the rodeo grounds be mowed prior to fair and inside of the horse barns completely painted.

Bob Kirkland was seriously injured in a horseback riding accident. The fair board voted to send flowers and a card to him.

MAINTENANCE

May projects included completing the underground power lines and replacing old water lines. The inside of the water truck was sandblasted and treated. The truck is now approved for water use and may be pressurized by fair. Gate signs were painted with help from the Fair Board. The women's garden clubs planted annuals around the gazebo and McAuley landscaped the maintenance area.

AIR SHOW

George Kneese is coordinating the parking. The airport clear zone will not be used because of the added expense of fencing.

The Boosters will be ticket sellers for the parking. The organization will be paid and this money put in their treasury to help offset the costs of planning for a bond issue.

PI

The City Building Department has not issued a permit for the pole barn structure over the North ring. The builder is ready to start. Wade will contact Murray Fretz and suggest the PI put pressure on the City to issue the permit.

TRI-MET

The strike has been settled. The agreement gives all drivers time off in the summer. This means there will not be bus service to the fair this year.

The board discussed joining with the chamber and businesses along Cornell Road to discuss with Tri-Met the possibility of adding a permanent bus line to Cornell Road.

Williams suggested a park & ride lot at the fairgrounds might have to be provided before Tri-Met would agree to an added bus line.

DECORATIONS

New fair decorations were discussed. The board agreed that a long range plan needs to be implemented with new decorations purchased each year to replace or add to old ones.

MOTION: MOVED BY JOHN MEEK, SECONDED BY LLOYD BARON TO AUTHORIZE OFFICE STAFF TO PURCHASE NEW 1989 DECORATIONS, NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000, AND WITH A THREE YEAR PLAN IN MIND. MOTION PASSED.

ECONOMIC STUDY

Six different schematics of the proposed new pavilions were viewed. A full report will be given by the economists and architects at a later date. A report will be given to the fair board members before a public meeting is held. Staff and board members would like to have a couple of the schematics ready for public viewing at this year's fair.

LOTTERY FUNDING

The legislature has not yet committed a dollar amount to economic regional development. Bob Buchanan is in charge of the committee to commit a dollar amount and adopt a budget amount for regional development. Representative Al Young has told Baron he is more optimistic than he was earlier. He will be hosting a barbecue for legislators at the fairgrounds during Air Show.

4% COST OF LIVING COUNTY RAISE

All fairgrounds employees have been given 10% raises this year. This in effect is 6% merit and 4% cost of living. The board decided not to give the further 4% cost of living raise effective July 1. Next year's raises will be based on merit and cost of living tied to the county's. Wade would like to see salaries of the two full time maintenance workers increase.

SECURITY

Security for Air Show and fair will be provided by State Security for \$8.25/hr.

MASTER GARDENERS

The gardeners met with Baron and Wade. They would like to develop an educational garden at the fairgrounds. The problem is where to put it. Ideally it could be in conjunction with a greenhouse. The gardeners and board members will monitor different areas during fair for possible sites.

HORSE BARN

The 4-H Horse Advisory Board and leaders have been supplying the

labor on repairs to the barns. There were some safety problems and the Advisory Board presented Wade with plans to remedy the situation. The fairgrounds has supplied the materials.

A thank you letter will be sent to the Horse Advisory Board.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

The dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28. Ten tickets at \$15 each will be reserved.

FAIR ADVERTISING

Wade presented the list of sponsors and advertisers for the 1989 fair. There are \$19,475 new dollars in cash sponsorships. The fair will spend \$35,745 to advertise. The total advertising value with sponsors is \$172,365.

GUN SHOWS

Williams requested a policy be developed to restrict the type of guns sold at any gun shows held at the fairgrounds. Wade and other board members believe this is a supreme court and legislative issue. The fair board is not in the position to decide on constitutional matters.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

George Horner has offered to drive the fair board on his 6 horse hitch and wagon during the parade. The offer was accepted.

BOAT REPAIR

A check for \$474 was sent to the owner of a boat whose carpet was ruined by a dead cat. The cat apparently got into the boat during storage. A letter of apology written by Wade was also sent.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Oxendine
Secretary

AGENDA
Washington County Fair Board
Regular Meeting
4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, 1989

1. Call to order.

2. Public Welcome. This time is provided for members of the audience to comment on any item(s) on the agenda. Audience members are also welcome to comment at the time the agenda topic is being discussed by the board. It is respectfully requested that those addressing the board state their full name for the record.

*3. Bills for approval (enclosure, page 3 - 4)

*4. A. 1988 Balance Sheet
B. Financial Recap (enclosure, page 5 - 7)

*5. A. May 10, 1989 Fair Board Minutes (enclosure, pages 8 - 10)
B. May 10, 1989 Work Session minutes (enclosure, pages 11 - 15)

*6. A. May 1989 Off-Season Calendar (enclosure, page 16)
B. June 1989 Activities Calendar (enclosure, page 17)

* Consent Agenda: Any item may be removed for separate consideration upon request of any board member or any member of the audience.

7. Fair Organizations' Report:

A. Fairgrounds Booster Report (enclosure, pages 18 - 20)
B. Rodeo Board Report

8. Maintenance Report:

9. Old Business:

A. Air Show
B. PI
C. Company Store During Fair
D. Main Exhibit Decoration (nursery)
E. Tri-Met - not available during fair
F. Decorations (prices)
G. Update Economic Study
H. Lottery funding update

10. New Business:

A. Cost of Living Adjustments for employees
(all county 4% increase) (enclosure page 21)
B. State Security Co. \$8.50 per hour

- C. Master Gardners educational plot and greenhouse
- D. Repair of horse barns
- E. Chamber Annual Banquet June 28, 1989, 6:00 p.m.

11. Non-Agenda Items:

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12. Announcements:

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