

**MINUTES OF A FAIR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 3, 1993**

The board met in Executive Session pursuant to ORS.192-610 - 192.690 with County Counsel, Dan Olsen, present to discuss the impending lawsuit by the Charlene Jensen Estate. Discussion also included whether to continue with the horse shuttle during the 1993 fair.

The board adjourned from Executive Session to regular session.

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
Marla Warren
Dave Lintz
Ken Leahy
George Otten

STAFF

Cal Wade
Ron McAuley
Patti Poe
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

Jeanne Leeson
Eric Apalategui
Lyle Wold
Glen Nelson

CONSENT AGENDA

Wade reported the financial picture was in line with his earlier report. The Hotel/Motel is a little higher this quarter than anticipated.

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

RODEO BOARD

The Rodeo Board committees are very active. Several traveled to Pendleton for the Columbia River Circuit Convention. The board is trying to get the convention here in 1994. Wade has negotiated a \$1,500 sponsor plus product from Coors Beer through Coast Distributors for the convention.

BOOSTERS

The boosters are working on their membership goal of 100 members. They are looking for a project. John Thomas reminded all the board members to join the boosters.

ACTIVE 20/30

The City of Hillsboro and Fire Department are requiring the Haunted Caves produced by the Active 20/30 Club be sprinkled. The Fire Department has stated that a dry system would be adequate. Estimated costs are approximately \$30,000. Lyle Wold and Glenn Nelson from the Active 20/30 Club requested that the fair board help with the financing of the sprinkler system. They suggested that perhaps all the vendors who use the Main Exhibit Building contribute to the cost of the system.

The board discussed the issue and agreed that the Haunted Caves was an activity they would like to continue at the FairPlex. The money raised from the Caves is put back into the community by the Active 20/30 Club. Lintz and Otten offered assistance with design and layout of the sprinkler system.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY DAVE LINTZ, TO ASK THE ACTIVE 20/30 CLUB TO INVESTIGATE ADDITIONAL COSTS OF THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM AND EXACTLY WHAT THE CITY REQUIRES AND THE FAIR BOARD DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE HAUNTED CAVES AT THE FAIRPLEX. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

MARKETING

Poe reported the business use is developing. The Department of Education will be renting the Cloverleaf for the month of March. Intel is getting more involved with utilizing the facilities as are other companies.

Poe is excited about the new Floral Building. It will provide a space for groups of 180 or less.

Board members stated the need to update the buildings with paint. The suggestion was made to contact area high schools and colleges to have a competition in design and doing murals for the Main Exhibit Building walls.

MAINTENANCE

February projects included demolition of the Floral Building, gutting the inside of the Chuckwagon, trenching and laying conduit for the new electrical, and doing prep work for the new buildings. The maintenance staff also worked on the tow motors for the proposed people movers.

Sunset Electric was the low bid on the electrical work.

Warren pointed out the need for additional electrical in the rodeo arena to power the sound. The scoreboard will also require additional electric.

NEW BUILDINGS

Initially the new floral facility was to be placed in the location of the old building. The updated Master Plan calls for the floral building to be located near the Cloverleaf Building. This is actually a more usable location because of the closer proximity to the parking lot. Also the City is now requiring new buildings to be within 200' of a fire hydrant. This would not have been possible at the old location without great expense.

The restrooms and entries need to be remodeled to conform to the ADA codes.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN TO HAVE GENE ZURBRUGG CONTINUE WITH THE REMODELING OF THE BATHROOMS, KITCHEN, AND INSIDE OF THE BUILDING.

Discussion: Bev Seibel has requested that she be involved with the landscape discussions with George Otten. The garden clubs would like to move the gazebo over and incorporate it in with the landscaping.

McAuley noted that he is looking at the costs of 3 phase wiring

and/or new heating/AC units. Leahy asked him to get estimates from other sheet metal companies.

The advantage to 3 phase is that it could be used in the amphitheater when it becomes necessary.

MOTION AMENDED: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY KEN LEAHY, TO HAVE GENE ZURBRUGG CONTINUE WITH THE REMODELING OF THE INTERIOR AND HAVE MCAULEY EVALUATE THE EXISTING HEAT AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AND REPORT BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

HORSE SHUTTLE

MOTION: MOVED BY DAVE LINTZ, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, TO TABLE THE HORSE SHUTTLE FOR ONE YEAR AND USE MOTORIZED PEOPLE MOVERS DURING THE 1993 FAIR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAIR

The Multnomah Board of County Commissioners is still undecided as to the fate of the fair. Multnomah fair staff are proposing the 4-H program have their fair at Washington County with a guarantee of some monetary reimbursement to Washington County. We have given them a deadline of April 1 to make their final decision.

MASTER PLAN

Jerry Draggoo presented an update draft of the Master Plan. He feels the main item to consider is the Multi-Purpose Pavilion. The economic study done two years ago was based on a 25,000 sq. ft. facility as reported in the 1984 Master Plan. The staff now feels this is too small and is requesting a 25,000 sq. ft. flat exhibit space with breakout rooms and support facilities as additional space. Draggoo did not give a recommendation as to size because he does not have a current economic study.

The board discussed the grandstand. Leahy, Lintz, and Otten would like to pursue the idea of a multiple use facility for football, soccer, and rodeo events. Warren contends that footing suitable for football and soccer is not suitable for horses.

The suggestion was made to check out use requirements with schools and find out if there is any interest in having a large facility that would be available for games and functions. Otten will check with the Tualatin Hills Park & Rec Department. Apparently they did a similar survey.

If the need exists for a multiple use facility than the logistics could be worked out.

Draggoo will return next meeting after board members have had a chance to read and analyze the report.

HAPPY DAYS

Wade met with Andy Bretthauer about sponsoring the fireworks. Bretthauer can not sponsor the entire amount but would be willing to give \$2,000 - \$3,000 if other area merchants would do the

same.

NON SMOKING AREAS

The request has been made for the fair to establish non-smoking areas in the arena and amphitheater. The grandstand and buildings are already non-smoking due to fire codes. The amphitheater ban would be impossible to enforce unless the audience was self policing.

MOTION: MOVED BY DAVE LINTZ, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, TO DECLARE THE AMPHITHEATER A NON-SMOKING AREA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1993-94 BUDGET

Wade presented the proposed budget. Due to doubt about state funds he is not budgeting any expenses from them.

Wade went through a few line items and noted the 4-H and FFA premiums have been eliminated due to the uncertainty of the state funding. 4-H recommended eliminating the premiums rather than a partial reduction.

The rodeo budget has been increased. This is becoming a very expensive line item. Lintz said discussions with the rodeo board about charging a separate fee for the rodeo should begin. Wade concurred, saying he would not like to initiate the charge prior to 1994 unless agreed on by the Rodeo Board.

MOTION: MOVED BY DAVE LINTZ, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, THE 1993-94 BUDGET BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled fair board meeting is April 7, 1993 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Oxendine
Secretary