

**MINUTES OF FAIR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 6, 1991**

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
Marla Warren
Rocky Williams
Jeanne Leeson
Lloyd Baron

STAFF

Cal Wade
Ron McAuley
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

Fred Scheller
Connie Potter
Rolland Aschim

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MOVED BY JEANNE LEESON, SECONDED BY LLOYD BARON, TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. PASSED.

FAIR BOOSTERS

The membership drive is underway. The Boosters are meeting tonight to plan for their booth operation throughout the year. They will also elect a new secretary.

RODEO BOARD

Wade will contact the bleacher company to set up a meeting to discuss adding more bleachers in the arena. Williams asked the Board's view regarding leaving the rodeo signs up year around. Wade responded that sometimes they pose a problem with other events using the facilities. Board members felt that the signs could be covered when other events are booked in the arena.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Toby Hatzenpiller, maintenance, and Bonnie Walters, Secretary/Receptionist, were introduced.

Gene Dunn has announced his retirement date of April 1, 1991.

MAINTENANCE

Work continued on the Main Exhibit Building. Two gable ends were framed in and electrical repairs made to the building.

FOREST GROVE FFA

Rolland Aschim, Superintendent of the FFA, proposed that the FFA and 4-H Departments be released at 8 AM Sunday. The livestock exhibited by FFA are mainly market animals and they are trucked out early Sunday morning. Aschim said that not many visitors come through the FFA barn on Sunday because it is so empty. Most FFA exhibitors have jobs and Aschim is having difficulty in persuading them to take a week off their job and exhibit at the fair.

The board discussed planning other activities for the FFA and 4-H exhibitors to participate in on Saturday and Sunday such as judging contests. 4-H already has some scheduled on the weekend. Baron pointed out that fair visitors pay full price at the gate on Sunday and expect to see exhibits. If one department is released early all departments will expect to be released includ-

ing Open Class.

The Board was sympathetic to Aschim's problem but offered no solution for 1991. Wade suggested monitoring the department this year and working with FFA and 4-H in fall of 1991. The 1991 Premium Book is almost ready for print, judges are booked, and the ring schedule confirmed for this year.

CARNIVAL CONTRACT

Funtastic would like to sign a 5 year contract in exchange for a 30% commission, \$100 per concession, and \$25,000 flat fee. This would be paid out \$15,000 - \$20,000 up front and the balance over the remaining 4 years. Burback of Funtastic would like the money tied into the lot improvement for the carnival's new location. The proposed move benefits the carnival and the money could be used to offset the expense of moving the carnival and entertainment areas.

MOTION: MOVED BY LLOYD BARON, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO FINALIZE THE CARNIVAL CONTRACT AS OUTLINED. PASSED.

BID CONFIRMATION ON ME ENTRANCE

Williams, Leeson, and Thomas attended a meeting with Wade, the architect, door supplier, and contractor. They decided to go with the \$36,500 bid for the new doorways as shown in the architect's plans. The Fire Marshall and City Engineer have come back with some changes that might add an additional \$300.

MOTION: MOVED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MARLA WARREN, TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO GO WITH THE \$36,500 BID FOR THE MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING DOORWAYS. PASSED.

Wade mentioned that the Fire Marshall wants an alarm system installed in the building. No costs were given.

PAVING

One bid has been received. Wade presented options for paving different areas around the Main Exhibit Building. If the total roadway were done the cost would be approximately \$22,800.

There is already a cost overage with the construction. With the complete paving job the overage could run to \$28,800 for repairs and maintenance in the budget year 1991-92.

Fred Scheller asked what the Boosters could do to help defray some of the costs. They have approximately \$8,000 to contribute.

The Board concurred the roadway around the building should be paved to help make the ME more attractive for rentals.

MOTION: MOVED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO PAVE ALL THE WAY AROUND THE BUILDING AND ENTRANCE INTO THE BUILDING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sunset Electric will be submitting a proposal on upgrading some of the electrical problems throughout the fairgrounds.

ENTERTAINMENT

The 1991 lineup to date is as follows:

Tuesday: maybe Air Supply
Wednesday: Nitty Gritty Dirt Band
Thursday: Lugnuts
Friday: open - offer into Hall & Oates
Saturday: Marshall Tucker Band
Sunday: open

Other suggestions were given to Wade. He will check with Dougherty Thursday.

BUDGET

A copy of the final submitted budget was passed out to board members for their information.

CHANGE OF FAIRGROUNDS NAME

During the September work session the discussion of changing the name to Fairplex was tabled until after the bond election results.

Staff would like to use it with the opening of the Main Exhibit Building and also on new highway signage. Off season marketing has a problem with "fairgrounds". Fairplex gives the impression of different things besides agriculture and livestock shows take place on the grounds.

The committee formed after the defeat of the bond recommended the change as did the Economic Study.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the proposed name change.

MOTION: MOVED BY LLOYD BARON, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO CHANGE THE NAME TO FAIRPLEX AND ANNOUNCE IT APRIL 6 AT THE MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING OPENING.

Discussion: Williams asked that before the final vote was taken the public be polled for suggestions.

QUESTION: MOTION PASSED THREE TO ONE. WILLIAMS CAST THE DISSENTING VOTE.

APRIL 6 GRAND OPENING

Patti Poe has been working hard on the plans for the opening billed as a Family Fun Fair. All those who use the fairgrounds' facilities have been asked to participate by displaying their activities in a booth at the Fun Fair.

The Director of the Lottery is coming for the ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. The Governor has also been invited.

The Family Fun Fair will be free. The Queen's Coronation Ball will be in the evening. Admission is \$5 per person. McKenzie River Band will play. The fairgrounds is paying for the band.

LAND PRODUCTS COVER

A vinyl cover will cost approximately \$1500.

BEER SALES

Wade asked for direction from the Board to insure what happened last year on Friday night did not happen again. Problems with the vendor's security caused many complaints especially from 4-H and visitors. Two options: open the beer up for bid or if legal, give the beer concession to an individual or company without the bid process. This may be considered a service and therefore exempt from the bid process.

Baron asked if preference can be given to a county vendor. Williams was opposed to this as he believes if this is done for the beer vendor other areas in the fair will have to have county preference. Wade stated the preference could be based on a point system.

The Board asked Wade to find out the legalities of giving the concession to someone without the bid process.

HAPPY DAYS

Nothing to report.

AIR SHOW

Dates are June 15-16. Wade will discuss parking with the Boosters.

MOTION: MOVED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS CALLED FOR UNDER ORS 192.610 - 192.690. PASSED

The next regularly scheduled Fair Board meeting will be April 3 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Oxendine
Secretary