

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR BOARD  
MARCH 7, 1990

**FAIR BOARD**

Lloyd Baron  
Rocky Williams  
Jeanne Leeson  
John Meek  
John Thomas

**STAFF**

Cal Wade  
Sue Oxendine  
Ron McAuley

**GUESTS**

Carl Goebel  
Sonny Condor  
Vernon Shahan

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Leeson questioned the \$4,000 charge for painting the Main Exhibit Building. Wade explained this was payment for the Active Club's work and was far cheaper than a private contractor.

MOTION: MOVED BY JOHN MEEK, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED.

**FAIR BOOSTERS**

The Boosters are seeking to upgrade the food booths by adding new food items and perhaps a new grill. Shahan also reported the Boosters are anxious to get going on the bond issue.

**RODEO BOARD**

The Coronation Dance is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, in the Main Exhibit Building. The first Rodeo Board work party will be on the first weekend of April.

**MAINTENANCE**

February projects included building doors for the ventilators in the gable ends of the Main Exhibit and constructing sawhorses for the 4-H rabbit cages. The catch basin by the Totem Pole was fixed. McAuley gathered security company information and hired Windsor Security to install the fairgrounds security system. The 4-H dog tent has been sent in for repairs.

Wade reported he has checked with Scott Moss about insurance coverage for the thefts of the copper wire and equipment. According to Moss the fairgrounds is insured. Wade asked Sunset Electric to place a value on the copper wire. They have given \$6/ft. as the value. 2000' were stolen.

Meek asked if there was any way circulating fans could be installed in the Cloverleaf Building. McAuley will check into the costs and report back to the board.

Baron has contacted Chuck Star to look at the roof of the Main Exhibit Building. Star uses a plastic coating on roofs. He will meet with McAuley March 8.

## **ECONOMIC RESOURCES REPORT**

Goebel and Condor reported further services might be needed to complete the project information.

Condor gave an overview of needed embellishments. A focus is needed for visitors to the fairgrounds. He suggests landscaped pathways between buildings and around the perimeter for definition.

Friendship Square, Chuckwagon, and restaurant row should be replaced with a central core building to house various restaurants and a stage area. He estimated a 5,000 sq. ft. structure would be adequate. Provisions will have to be made for the temporary fair booths. A designer will need to be hired to draw a schematic. Jerry Draggo was suggested as he is familiar with the fairgrounds' plans.

Aesthetic improvements are needed at the sheep and goat barns and 4-H barn. Landscaping, curbing, and lighting are three key elements. Board members asked that any curbs be surface top curbs to eliminate the liability of someone tripping over a raised curb.

The parking lots are the major revenue producing facilities. Additional paved and lighted parking is a necessity. If not paved, at least graveled. A permanent gated entrance to collect parking fees needs to be added to the plans. Wade remarked that a paved road leading to the Livestock Pavilion and a lot will be needed if the fairgrounds is to ever hold two separate large functions concurrently.

Condor suggested having a schematic drawn to show the roof line of the major facilities. The buildings need to be standardized as much as possible. The new roof for the ME Building should include skylights for lighting. Wade responded that three years ago an architect was hired to study the costs involved with re-roofing the building. The architect recommended against raising the roof. He felt it would be more cost effective to tear down the building and construct a new facility.

A designer also needs to be chosen to draw another schematic of the new Main Pavilion.

The consensus of the board was to move ahead with the plans. Wade will work with Goebel and Condor. They will have further information at a special meeting March 21, at 1:00 p.m.

## **BOND ELECTION PROCEDURE**

Wade asked Goebel and Condor for direction in establishing base committees.

Condor suggested making use of his working notes to form potential user committees. They would be used as a base for community support. Two additional committees, Fund Raising and Executive, should be formed as soon as possible. Meek stated the board

members are going to have to take the initiative.

At the Boosters meeting an Election Committee and Executive Committee will be formed. Potential committee members were suggested to Shahan.

#### **MAIN EXHIBIT GRANT**

The grant was submitted Friday, March 2. The decision will be made May 4.

#### **JAYCEE LETTER**

The Jaycees have written a letter to the board in response to their meeting with Wade regarding the raising of parking revenues. Wade had explained to them that the board was asking for 50% of the parking revenues based on the fee of \$2 per car. The board is seeking uniformity in parking fees for fairground's events. The Jaycees are objecting to the increased parking fee and percentage paid to the board.

**MOTION:** MOVED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, THAT 50% OF THE PARKING REVENUES FOR 1990 HAPPY DAYS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FAIR BOARD. THE PARKING RATE WILL BE SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FAIR AT \$2 PER CAR.

**Discussion:** Meek suggests checking the contract. Wade recalled the parking agreement was a three year agreement and the fairgrounds fee five years. The fairgrounds fee is based on the Cost of Living.

Meek and Baron would like accounting procedures for the parking. Baron suggested purchasing numbered parking tickets for the Jaycees to use.

#### **MAVERICK LETTER**

Concerns regarding the proposed Livestock Pavilion were expressed in a letter written by the Maverick Riding Group. Wade responded in a letter that the plans for the building included provisions for horse groups with a covered arena adjacent to the building and a non skid hard surface to accommodate livestock. He offered to attend their meeting to address the concerns. He also invited them to the fair board meetings.

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION**

The Hillsboro Health Department has requested the fair board back a resolution calling for the banning of tobacco company and product advertising throughout the County.

Wade has told him there is an unofficial policy already in effect which bans the tobacco product sales and promotions at the fair. Wade feels this official policy might be a harbinger of a possible ban on beer.

The board expressed agreement with Wade and requested him to respond to the Health Officer.

### **BUDGET**

Wade presented the proposed 1990-91 budget he is submitting to the County.

He has budgeted one full time maintenance person to begin in September depending on the construction of the proposed new facilities. A marketing person will also need to be hired for 1991-92 if the facilities are built. Two maintenance and one office personnel have been budgeted for May through September.

Wade asked for approval to purchase another green cart. The board gave him approval.

MOTION: MOVED BY JEANNE LEESON, SECONDED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET. MOTION PASSED.

### **ARENA WORK**

Williams is proposing to take the posts required by the Derby out of the arena. He stated they were a safety hazard when people climbed on them to have a better view of the rodeo or got between the posts and the fence.

The only posts that really need to be removed are the center posts. The end posts are concreted in the ground.

MOTION: MOVED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO PULL THE CENTER POSTS DOWN AND REMOVE THE CABLE. MOTION PASSED WITH LEESON CASTING A DISSENTING VOTE.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled fair board meeting is April 4, 1990 at 4:30 p.m.