

NOTICE OF MEETING

Washington County Fair Complex Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.
Floral Building – Washington County Fair Complex
873 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Herbert Hirst, Chair

Don McCoun, Vice Chair
Renee Cannon, Secretary

Kathy Christy, Board Member
Dan Logan, Board Member
Matt Pihl, Board Member

Standing Committees

Air Show & Airport Interface

Don McCoun, Board Member

Booster/Coalition Liaison

Dan Logan, Board Member

Development Committee

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Fair & Facilities Management Committee

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Executive Director Position

Renee Cannon, Board Member
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The Washington County Fair Complex Board is comprised of seven members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Each Fair Complex Board member is appointed for a three-year term.

The Fair Complex Board has the exclusive management of the grounds, and all other property owned, leased, used or controlled by the County and devoted to the use of the Fair Complex, and is entrusted and charged with the entire business management, and financial and other affairs of the Fair Complex.

The Fair Complex, a division of the County, produces the annual County Fair & Rodeo and manages year-round facilities rented for consumer shows, public expositions and special gathering. The Fair Complex Board meets monthly or as necessary, develops the Fair Complex's annual operating budget, and provides overall policy direction for the management of Fair Complex activities and facilities. The Fair Complex's day-to-day activities are the responsibility of the Complex Executive Director, who serves at the pleasure of the Fair Board.

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All public meetings are recorded.

Current Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, Fair Complex Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. in the Floral Building at the Washington County Fair Complex, 873 N.E. 34th Avenue, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124.

Regular Business Meetings

Regular business meetings are the time during which the Fair Complex Board will consider the items published in their Board Agenda at the times noted above.

Generally, Board Meetings are scheduled to last no longer than two hours. At the discretion of the Board Chair, agenda items may be deferred to a later date if more discussion or consideration is required.

Quorum

To take formal action on any agenda item, at least four (4) Board members must be present. Once a quorum is established, at least a majority of these members present must vote in the affirmative to move an action or motion.

The Board can still conduct business and discuss agenda items without a quorum present. However, no formal action can take place until a quorum of the Board is in attendance.

Executive Sessions

There are times when the Fair Complex Board must discuss confidential matters such as lawsuits, real estate transactions (or other sales transactions) and labor relations matters. When the Board calls an executive session (posted on the agenda), it is done under the guidelines allowed for by Oregon State law. Each type of executive session generally fits under one of three types of State Laws that allow such closed sessions. These statutes are indicated on the agenda. Although the press is allowed to remain in the room, they are not allowed to report on executive session issues. The Board recognizes the sensitivity of conducting closed sessions and only conducts them when confidentiality is required (and allowed by law) to protect the interests of the Fair Complex, Washington County and its residents.

Once the Regular Business Meeting Begins

The Fair Complex Board's formal meetings typically include the following elements:

1. Call to Order: At the start of the Board meeting, the Chair (or Vice Chair) of the Board will call the meeting to order. All matters noticed and listed on the agenda, in any category, may be considered for action in any order at the discretion of the Board Chair. Items not so noticed may be discussed at the discretion of the Board Chair, but cannot be considered for action.

2. Oral Communications for Agenda and Non-Agenda Items (Fifteen Minute Limit): This is the time when members of the audience may step forward to address the Board on agenda and non-agenda items. This opportunity is time-limited to two (2) minutes per individual. The maximum time for Oral Communications is 15 minutes. Individuals providing written testimony are requested to provide 15 copies.

3. Consent Agenda: The items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be adopted in one motion unless a Board member requests, before the vote on the motion, to have the item considered separately. If any item is removed from the Consent Agenda, the Chair will indicate when it will be discussed in the regular agenda.

4. Regular Agenda Items: Unless otherwise noted, regular agenda items will follow in the order listed on the agenda.

5. Adjournment: At the conclusion of the items on the Board's agenda, the Board Chair will formally conclude the Board's regular business.

Meeting Protocol

The Fair Complex Board welcomes public attendance and participation at its meetings. Anyone wishing to speak on an agenda or non-agenda item at a regular business meeting should feel free to do so. In doing so, the Board asks that the following guidelines be observed:

1. Please follow sign-in procedures located on the table by the entrance to the meeting room.
2. When your name is announced, please be seated at the table in front and state your full name, home address and organization represented, if any, for the record.
3. Groups or organizations wishing to make a presentation are asked to designate one spokesperson in the interest of time and to avoid repetition.
4. When more than one citizen is heard on any matter, please avoid repetition in your comments. Careful attention to the previous speaker's remarks will be helpful in this regard.
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1. Financial Statements (PDF)
 - a. Budget Overview – March, 2008 (PDF)
 - b. Balance Sheet – March, 2008 (PDF)
 - c. Other, if any
2. Board Minutes – April 2008 (PDF)
3. Facility Use Schedule – May 2008 (PDF)
4. Other, if any

D. Special Reports

1. Air Show & Airport Interface Committee – Don McCoun, Board Member
2. Fair & Facility Management Committee – Kathy Christy, Board Member
3. Executive Director Position Committee – Renee Cannon, Board Member
4. Booster/Coalition Liaison – Dan Logan, Board Member
5. Treasurer’s Report – Herb Hirst/Don McCoun, Board Members
6. 4H Report – Terry Palmer, OSU Extension Agent
7. Operations Report – Staff (PDF)
8. Other, if any

E. Old Business

1. Redevelopment Update
2. Renaissance Festival Update
3. Update on old Caretaker’s Bldg., and old Administrative Bldg.
4. Update on proposed Swine Barn project
5. Update on policy for facility access
6. Other, if any

F. New Business

1. Election of Treasurer
2. Other, if any

G. Announcements

1. Calendar of Events (PDF)
2. Other, if any

H. Correspondence

1. Letters and Cards, if any (PDF)
2. Other, if any

I. Board Oral Communications

J. Other Matters of Information

1. Boosters Meeting Minutes – March, 2008 and April, 2008
2. Newspaper Articles (PDF)
3. Other, if any

K. Executive Session

In accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (h), to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of the Board with regard to litigation or litigation likely to be filed; in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e), to deliberate with persons designated by the Board to negotiate real property transactions; and/or in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (a), (b), (h), or (i), to discuss, review and evaluate employee-related matters. Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (3), it is Board’s request that the items discussed not be disclosed by media representatives or others.

L. Adjourn

CONSENT ITEMS

County of Washington

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FAX MEMORANDUM

Date: April 24, 2008

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

From: Leah E. Perkins-Hagele, Fair Coordinator
Washington County Fair Complex

Re: March 2008 Financial Statements

Find attached the March 2008 Budget Overview and Balance Sheets. They were produced by the Washington County Finance Department and reflect accounting activity for March 2008. Please note that the format has changed some; the new County CFO has made some changes.

The Fair Complex continues to maintain a strong fund balance.

Note: The FYE June 30, 2008 Budget Overview has been modified to breakout in more detail the two other arena events (Truck Pull and Demolition Derby) as recommended by the Budget Committee. This will allow better comparisons and analysis for all arena events.

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Budget Overview July 2007 - June 2008

4/28/2008

Description	July 2007	August 2007	September 2007	October 2007	November 2007	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008	June 2008	Year to Date 2007/08	Budget 2007/08	%	
Beginning Balance	\$ 627,250	\$ 818,755	\$ 670,238	\$ 620,920	\$ 880,203	\$ 843,368	\$ 816,792	\$ 858,311	\$ 829,903	\$ 804,002	\$ 804,002	\$ 804,002	\$ 627,250	\$ 469,660		
981005 - Interim Operations																
Interim Operating Revenues																
Parking	40	29,911	-	4,065	(4,036)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,980	21,000	142.8%	
RV Park	80	1,780	1,380	1,540	940	920	640	260	900	900	900	900	8,440	10,000	84.4%	
Rentals	-	7,376	28,250	37,414	4,691	26,715	17,104	11,417	22,105	200	200	200	155,072	200,000	77.5%	
Concessions	38	100	757	-	52	100	300	200	96	-	-	-	1,643	3,000	54.8%	
Misc Income	430	52	1,335	860	2,227	946	1,774	950	1,798	-	-	-	10,392	15,000	69.3%	
Total Interim Operating Revenues	588	39,219	31,722	43,899	3,874	28,681	19,818	12,827	24,899	-	-	-	205,527	249,000	82.5%	
Interim Operating Expenses																
Personal Services	13,235	41,029	25,434	26,297	24,181	25,353	24,966	37,879	26,142	-	-	-	244,516	389,208	62.8%	
Supplies	453	2,249	2,901	895	421	1,129	1,527	111	893	111	111	111	10,379	25,000	41.5%	
Professional Services	328	3,390	1,785	6,383	3,477	200	1,240	161	200	200	200	200	17,164	12,500	137.3%	
Advertising	-	1,200	-	-	490	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,690	1,000	169.0%	
Printing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Communications (ATM)	-	18	17	21	18	16	16	19	18	-	-	-	143	500	28.6%	
Utilities	5,493	222	5,245	2,840	7,838	5,147	10,333	5,225	9,373	5,225	5,225	5,225	51,716	65,000	79.6%	
Repair and Maintenance	5,844	3,262	4,950	1,873	765	1,701	2,703	1,371	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	24,589	57,000	43.1%	
Rentals	-	243	747	476	228	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	2,446	5,000	48.9%	
Dues and Memberships	125	482	50	219	-	385	125	219	-	-	-	-	1,386	1,500	92.4%	
Training and Travel	211	33	29	153	449	245	93	25	24	24	24	24	1,262	1,500	84.1%	
Insurance	12,533	-	432	-	-	407	-	440	440	440	440	440	13,812	16,000	86.3%	
Postage	-	43	58	58	26	28	34	147	99	-	-	-	493	500	98.6%	
Printing Internal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	500	101.5%
Telephones	-	924	-	1,137	928	685	797	810	806	806	806	806	6,087	6,000	101.5%	
Special Expenses	451	1,084	184	906	1,286	266	550	155	139	139	139	139	5,021	5,000	100.4%	
County Legal	1,304	1,269	-	-	811	2,347	-	1,022	212	-	-	-	6,965	5,000	139.3%	
County Indirect Cost	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	14,787	19,711	75.0%	
Total Interim Operating Expenses	41,520	57,091	43,475	42,652	42,561	39,740	44,215	48,975	42,077	-	-	-	402,456	610,919	65.9%	
Net Interim Revenues/Expenses	(41,032)	(17,872)	(11,753)	1,217	(38,707)	(11,059)	(24,397)	(36,148)	(17,178)	-	-	-	(196,929)	(361,919)	54.4%	

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981010 - Fair															
Fair Revenues															
Commercial Booth Rentals	89,950	1,150	450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91,550	82,500	111.0%
Dept of Agriculture	-	-	(50)	-	-	(100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	81,122	46,000	104.7%
Parking Fees	73,082	8,190	(50)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81,122	77,500	104.7%
Admissions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,150	56,500	115.3%
Sponsorships	45,850	15,850	3,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,541	80,000	124.4%
Carnival Income	99,541	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,126	6,500	125.0%
Entry Fees	8,096	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95,348	83,000	114.9%
Concessions	73,897	19,502	1,949	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,136	10,000	601.4%
Other Revenues	1,675	8,021	135	900	49,405	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,973	443,500	113.0%
Total Fair Revenues	392,091	52,743	5,934	900	49,405	(100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,973	443,500	
Fair Expenses															
Personal Services	8,191	38,826	11,105	11,688	11,275	11,071	10,919	16,614	11,270	-	-	-	130,959	177,625	73.7%
Supplies	5,081	4,819	1,185	5	-	-	11	89	-	-	-	-	11,190	12,000	93.3%
Professional Services	8,461	44,380	4,122	-	100	-	-	375	-	-	-	-	57,438	59,000	97.4%
Advertising, Promotions, etc.	12,988	75,338	13,381	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101,707	99,000	102.7%
Printing	2,325	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,352	1,500	156.8%
Utilities	-	7,353	3,640	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,993	12,500	87.9%
Repair & Maintenance	1,730	-	-	-	1,079	-	-	(3,680)	4,978	-	-	-	2,809	2,500	112.4%
Rentals	1,055	13,330	507	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,188	16,000	101.2%
Dues and memberships	-	-	20	-	-	-	600	249	-	-	-	-	869	1,000	86.9%
Travel and Training	-	-	610	339	683	551	2,375	1,015	265	-	-	-	5,838	4,000	146.0%
Insurance	12,534	-	197	-	175	-	-	-	189	-	-	-	13,095	16,000	81.8%
Postage	-	-	223	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	278	500	55.6%
Telephone	1,291	-	799	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,090	2,500	83.6%
County Legal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	-
Other/Special Expenses	76,440	1,835	22,612	-	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,921	100,000	100.9%
Awards	51,838	-	(1,014)	65	-	-	-	-	368	-	-	-	51,297	45,000	113.9%
Indirect	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	-	-	-	14,787	19,710	75.0%
Total Fairtime Expenses	183,577	187,551	59,030	13,795	14,760	13,474	15,548	16,305	18,711	-	-	-	522,771	569,335	91.8%
Net Fairtime Revenues/Expenses	208,514	(134,808)	(53,096)	(12,895)	34,625	(13,574)	(15,548)	(16,305)	(18,711)	-	-	-	(21,798)	(125,835)	17.3%

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Truck Pull Revenues															
Admissions	13,730	270	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,000	12,500	112.0%
Sponsorships	2,250	2,413	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,663	8,000	58.3%
Total Truck Pull Revenues	15,980	2,683	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,663	20,500	91.0%
Expenses															
Expenses	6,713	(6,000)	375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,088	9,500	11.5%
Total Truck Pull Expenses	6,713	(6,000)	375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,088	9,500	11.5%
Net Truck Pull Income/(loss)	9,267	8,683	(375)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,575	11,000	159.8%
981015 - Rodeo															
Rodeo Revenues															
Admissions	23,830	1,900	(80)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,650	25,000	102.6%
Sponsorships	15,950	6,710	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,660	27,500	104.2%
Queen Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68	-	-
Total Rodeo Revenues	39,848	8,610	5,920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,378	52,500	
Rodeo Expenses															
Supplies	872	-	275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,147	250	458.8%
Professional Services	29,000	5,823	1,375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,198	35,000	103.4%
Advertising	-	6,589	(2,183)	-	-	255	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,641	3,000	154.7%
Rentals	-	1,995	807	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,802	3,500	80.1%
Training and Travel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Misc Expenses	1,703	582	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,585	3,000	86.2%
Awards/Prizes	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000	100.0%
Total Rodeo Expenses	35,575	14,969	574	-	-	255	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,373	48,750	105.4%
Net Rodeo Revenues/Expenses	4,273	(6,359)	5,346	-	-	(255)	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,005	3,750	80.1%

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Demo Derby															
Demo Derby Revenues															
Admissions	19,150	280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,430	20,000	97.2%
Sponsorships	3,800	(1,638)	-	12,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,862	8,000	183.3%
Other Revenue	950	3,800	950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,700	-	
Total Demo Derby Revenues	23,900	2,442	950	12,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,792	28,000	142.1%
Demo Derby Expenses															
Materials	13,501	(12,640)	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	981	12,000	8.2%
Professional Services	-	16,634	312	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,500	100.0%
Prizes	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,481	13,500	18.4%
Total Demo Derby Expenses	15,001	3,994	432	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,311	14,500	257.3%
Net Demo Derby Income/(loss)	8,899	(1,552)	518	12,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,481	13,500	18.4%
Frite Lites															
Frite Lite Revenue	-	-	-	94,972	37,026	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131,998	77,000	171.4%
Frite Lite Expenses	-	-	714	7,869	107,148	1,043	120	35	750	-	-	-	117,678	62,000	189.8%
Net Frite Lites Revenues/Expenses	-	-	(714)	87,103	(70,122)	(1,043)	(120)	(35)	(750)	-	-	-	14,319	15,000	95.5%

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Non-Operating															
Non-Operating Revenues	-	12,437	12,988	171,228	44,202	6,860	131,650	33,603	11,689	-	-	-	424,857	645,000	65.9%
Hotel/Motel Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer from General Fund	2,487	3,232	2,221	633	4,906	2,792	2,496	2,217	2,016	-	-	-	23,000	22,500	102.2%
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Operating Revenues	2,487	15,669	15,209	171,861	49,108	9,652	134,146	35,820	13,705	-	-	-	447,857	667,500	67.1%
Non-Operating Expenses															
Purchase/Lease	503	503	503	503	503	503	52,562	503	503	-	-	-	56,586	104,483	54.2%
Land Improvements - Fire Hydrant Project	400	11,237	3,950	-	11,237	1,960	-	11,237	-	-	-	-	40,021	-	-
Bad Debt Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings and Structures - Main Exhibit Hall	-	-	-	-	-	7,834	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,372	25,000	20.9%
Equipment	-	538	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,464	-	-	-	2,464	20,000	12.3%
Development Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Operating Expenses	903	12,278	4,453	503	11,740	10,297	52,562	11,740	2,967	-	-	-	107,443	189,483	56.7%
Net Non-Operating Revenues/Expenses	1,584	3,391	10,756	171,358	37,368	(645)	81,584	24,080	10,738	-	-	-	340,214	478,017	71.2%
Total Fair Complex Revenues	474,894	121,366	59,735	324,132	139,413	38,233	153,964	48,647	38,604	-	-	-	1,398,988	1,538,000	91.0%
Total Fair Complex Expenses	283,389	269,883	109,063	64,849	176,249	64,809	112,445	77,055	64,505	-	-	-	1,205,291	1,503,487	80.2%
Net Fair Complex Revenues/Expenses	191,505	(148,517)	(49,318)	259,283	(36,836)	(26,576)	41,519	(28,408)	(25,901)	-	-	-	193,697	34,513	561.2%
Ending Fund Balance/Contingency	818,755	670,238	620,920	880,203	843,368	816,792	858,311	829,903	804,002	804,002	804,002	804,002	820,947	504,173	162.8%

\$ 474,894	\$ 121,366	\$ 59,735	\$ 324,132	\$ 139,413	\$ 38,233	\$ 153,964	\$ 48,647	\$ 38,604	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Total Revenue	\$ 1,538,000
\$ 283,389	\$ 269,883	\$ 109,063	\$ 64,849	\$ 176,249	\$ 64,809	\$ 112,445	\$ 77,055	\$ 64,505	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Total Expense	\$ 1,503,487
\$ 191,505	\$ (148,517)	\$ (49,318)	\$ 259,283	\$ (36,836)	\$ (26,576)	\$ 41,519	\$ (28,408)	\$ (25,901)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 34,513

**Washington County Fair Complex
Balance Sheet Preliminary
March 31, 2008**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash

Fairplex..Petty cash..	250
Fairplex..Petty cash.Finance- Petty Cash.	-
Fairplex..Cash drawer..	-
Fairplex..Cash drawer.Frite Lites.	-
Fairplex..General Cash Account..	110,475
Fairplex..USNB WASHCO ACH Clearing..	-
Fairplex..CCB-General Account..	2,560
Fairplex..CCB-Money Market Account..	685,253
Fairplex..CCB-ATM Account..	2,975
Fairplex..Gasb 31 cash general port..	20
Fairplex..CCB-ATM Cash Drawer..	-
Total Cash	801,533

Accounts Receivable

Fairplex..Accounts receivable - Sub..	19,858
Fairplex..Accounts receivable-on ac..	(1,131)
Fairplex..Due from other funds.Other 4-H.	(10)
Prepays	
Prepaid items	19,402

Total Assets

839,649

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Payables

Fairplex..Accounts Payable..	-
Fairplex..Accounts payable- other..	-
Fairplex..Deposits payable-subsidia..	-
Fairplex..Retainage payable..	-
Total Payables	-

Other Current Liabilities

Fairplex..Amounts due to others..	802
Fairplex..Conversion Account..	-
Fairplex..Payroll payable..	-
Fairplex..Due to other funds..	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue- unavail..	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue..	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Main Exhibit Hall.	(788)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Cloverleaf Building.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Grounds/General.	1,105
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Parking-Operations.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.RV Parking-short term.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Parking-Airshow.	(75)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Rodeo Admissions.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Awards Open Class.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Advertising Inco.	150
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Airshow Income.	75
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Commercial Exhib.	4,300
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Concession Reven.	3,500
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Sponsorship Inco.	9,353
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Facilities Renta.	17,301
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Livestock Entry Fees.	(56)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Camping Fees.	(20)
Total Deferred Revenues	35,647

Total Liabilities

35,647

Equity

Fairplex..Fund Balance..	829,903
Net (Income)/Loss for the Period	(25,901)
Net Equity	804,002

Total Liabilities and Equity

839,649

Minutes
Washington County Fair Complex Board
Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Convened: 4:36 pm

FAIR COMPLEX BOARD:

President Herb Hirst
Vice President Don McCoun
Board Member Renee Cannon
Board Member Kathy Christy
Board Member Dan Logan
Board Member W. Rafe Flagg
Board Member Matt Pihl

STAFF:

Don Hillman, Executive Director
Leah Perkins-Hagele, Fair Coordinator
Lisa DuPre', Marketing/Events Director

President Hirst called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m., and welcomed the audience. Hirst welcomed new Board Member Matt Pihl. Hirst opened oral communication time for agenda and non-agenda items.

Ken Kuedell – President of the Washington County Master Gardeners. Kuedell gave status report on the gardens. Asked permission to allow the Master Gardeners to have the double wide trailer (old caretaker residence) removed. Kuedell stated that it has deteriorated and they would like to replace it with a demonstration orchard. They have found a contractor that is willing to do it, they just need the Board's approval. President Hirst added this item to new business for later discussion.

1. Consent Agenda

Motion by Board Member Flagg to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Board Member Christy. Motion carried 7 -0.

2. Special Reports

A. Airshow & Airport Report – Board Member McCoun reported that the dates have not changes and are still August 8, 9 & 10. The Airshow committee has asked him to come and do a presentation on revitalization.

B. Fair & Facilities Management Committee – Board Member Christy reported that she and President Hirst went to the Clark County Fair and learned how they are organized.

Christy will prepare a document on their thoughts of a management structure. Hirst stated that they found out what the pitfalls are to their structure. Clark is unique in that they have a management company and a 30 member Fair Board. Their Executive Director is a contract employee. Discussion ensued.

C. Treasurer Report – Board Member Flagg stated that the financials are in the packet, and these are the best numbers that we have seen in the 4 years that he has been on the board. We have the largest ending fund balance he has seen for this organization. We will have a million in the bank by the end of the fiscal year.

D. 4-H Report – Board Member Logan reported that Terry Palmer gave her report to him. 4-H is having staffing issues and Palmer is very busy right now. Logan reported that the new science fair is likely to have 100-300 entries. Due to space constraints, not sure where to put them, will need a tent or another building. Palmer will meet with Fair Coordinator, Leah Perkins, to work this out. Palmer is working on judges, shavings and will work with Perkins of the possibility of closing the barns early on Sunday. The Small animal clubs are looking for plywood to improve the exhibit.

E. Boosters/Coalition Liaison Report – Board Member Logan reported that the minutes are in the packet and had nothing to add, but asked when the letter from the Boosters would be discussed. Hirst added it to New Business.

F. Operations Report – Executive Director Don Hillman reported that the office staff has been moved and health problems have gone away. Staff requests disposition of the old office as that space could be sold for the Fair. The Hillsboro Fire Department could use it as another burn and learn. President Hirst asked that this not be discussed as it has been ordered to not add or delete buildings. Board Member Cannon stated that a learn and burn is done on their time, not what works for us. Discussion ensued. Hirst deferred this subject to new business. Hillman reported that Fair preparations are going well, arena events have been contracted. The Plaza will feature 9 hole mini golf which will feature 9 icons in Washington County. The Ambassador Scholarship Program is rolling and the Multnomah Explorer Scouts will be doing the parking. The Fair will continue with the 4 day Free Fair model and will have 2 days of Latino entertainment in the Amphitheater. Hillman also stated that conversations need to start regarding the replacement of the Executive Director.

G. Other, if any – None

3. Old Business

A. Redevelopment Update – President Hirst reported that the Taskforce will meet sometime in the future. Do not know dates at this time. Board Member Logan reported that he has done several presentations and has questions regarding ball fields. Discussion ensued.

B. Renaissance Faire – Hirst stated that there is nothing to report. Board Member McCoun said that when he does presentations people are asking about this. McCoun said that

he thinks this Board should have a vote or at least a discussion on this subject tonight. McCoun continued by saying that we have been making \$4000 a month payments on the quadrant property for 17 years and have never made any revenue off of it expect for parking. McCoun stated that this event needs to be here and asked Hirst to let the Board vote on it so we will know if this Board is in favor or not. Board Member Christy agreed. Board Member Cannon said she would like this pushed forward, we are wasting time and this needs to get started. Nothing is going on in that space. She understands that we need to get the Taskforce on-board. Board Member Logan said we need to be cautious, we already took a vote asking something to be done and then the Taskforce spent money and sent some people to Arizona to evaluate. Logan said it is his understanding that it is still being evaluated. Board Member Flagg said that there has been no Taskforce meeting in months and no meeting is currently scheduled for the future. If the November election doesn't go well, there are no options for that property and at least this would bring in some money.

The Board took a Straw Vote to see who is in favor of bringing the Renaissance Fair to the Fair Complex. Vote passed in favor 7-2. Matt Pihl abstained due to lack of information. Logan voted no. Discussion ensued.

C. **Other, if any** – None

4. **New Business.**

A. **Master Gardener Request** – President Hirst explained that we are not to remove or add any buildings until after the election in November. Board Member Flagg asked if we could get clarification; would moving the buildings to another location on the grounds be acceptable. Board Member McCoun said that this would be turning an eyesore into an education center. Board Member Christy asked that this be presented at the next Taskforce meeting. It's wrong to have two rotten buildings on the grounds when good can be done. Board member Logan noted that the new orchard would not have to be moved in the Master Plan.

B. **Old Administrative Office** – President Hirst asked the Board to allow him to act on the Boards behalf on these issues.

Motion by Board Member Flagg to allow President Hirst to represent the Fair Board and take action on removing the two buildings pending a conversation with County Chairman Brian. Second by Board Member McCoun. Motion carried 7 -1 with Logan opposed.

C. **Swine Barn Project** – President Hirst said that he spoke with John Stables. He initiated this project, not the Boosters. He has all of the money that is needed to do the project that he proposed and the donors expect this project to happen and that this should not have anything to do with the Boosters. Hirst explained that no permission has been given by

this Board to do this project; this Board only donated \$1000.00. John Stables understands he can't move forward at this time. He has purchased the pens. Hirst repeated that nothing can be added or deleted until after the November election. Hirst does think that there may be some exceptions. Stables will have to wait until after his meeting with Chair Brian. If Brian is favorable to the proposal, he will let this Board know. Stables has said that waiting will be too late to get it done for the Fair. Board Member Christy asked if we need to vote with contingency in case there is an ok by Chair Brian or the Taskforce. Board Member Logan asked to defer until next month. Executive Director Hillman stated that this organization has a history of accepting donated items like this. Discussion ensued.

D. Ambassador Program – President Hirst gave the Board time to read through the Ambassador Scholarship Program packet and then asked for comments from the Board. Board Member Cannon said that 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. is way to long and could be a liability. Board Member Christy asked if allowances would be made for kids who have a horse and also asked if it would work to give the check directly to the student instead of an educational institute. Board Member McCoun asked if \$1000.00 was enough.

Motion by Board Member Cannon to accept the Ambassador Scholarship Program as written with corrections. Second by Board Member Logan. Motion carried 7 -0.

D. Other – President Hirst brought up the letter to the editor in the Hillsboro Argus and the response from County Commissioner Duyck. Suggested that Board Members may want to read it and asked Executive Director Hillman to e-mail it out. Hirst also commented that he was present for a revitalization presentation in Forest Grove that was done by Lyle Speischaert and he did a fine job. Hirst informed the Board that a policy regarding access to the grounds was going to be developed. The County has a trespass policy, but we are a different animal in that we have a more open campus like schools do. We need to, at time, restrict access which protects the facility and the public. More research needs to be done. Hirst then gave background on why this is has been brought up and stated that we have been criticized for not already having a policy like this in place. Hirst stated that we are opening up ourselves to liability if someone gets hurt when they shouldn't be on the grounds. If someone needs access, they need to make arrangements in advance with the Fair Office. It's well within our rights legally to lock up the facility. Recently the staff has been subject to harassment due to people not having access when they want it. Hirst said this will not be tolerated and he fully expects people to act with courtesy to the staff and the staff likewise.

Board Member Flagg announced his resignation as of April 15th, 2008. Flagg thanked the Board Members and Staff. Hirst said he was sorry to see him go.

Hirst then announced that Executive Director Hillman's last day will be roughly April 18th. We understand why he is leaving, but wish we could keep him. Hirst said that he has spoke with other Fair facilities and they all say we are nits to let him go. Hirst also said that Hillman is too much of a gentleman to say, but his leaving has to do with the criticism and rancor he has received and Hirst said he is ashamed of the citizens of Washington County,

it's is inexcusable how he has been treated, and frankly these people have poisoned the well for finding someone with his credentials in the future. The Board is hoping to find a temp person to fill in, pending finding someone; Hirst said he will sit in as authorizing expenditures. Hirst said that staff Members, Leah Perkins and Lisa Du Pre' are capable of handling day to day operations. Hirst explained that Hillman has done a good job of training them and they are up to the task. Hirst said that they need to look at the job description for Hillman's job. Hirst appointed Board Members McCoun, Cannon and Logan to look at the job description and see what will need to be done. Board Member Logan asked about a check writing policy. Hillman said a motion is needed to provide to the bank to remove him and add new signors.

Motion by Board Member Christy to authorize Herb Hirst and Don McCoun to assume financial duties and check signing as currently done by Executive Director Don Hillman once he leaves the position and is removed as a signor. Second by Board Member Logan. Motion carried 7 -0.

Board Member Cannon said the Board needs to consider currently staff taking the interim position to manage the things that need to be managed with direction from the Chair if needed. Cannon said that they are both professionals and would like to give the opportunity to one of these individuals. Hirst stated he would be able to provide support. Cannon asked that one of them be the interim director while they are putting things together. Christy asked Hillman if he had thoughts on this. Hillman stated that he had been looking for a temp person but had not been able to find anyone suitable and suggested that his duties be divided between the two staff members and have them be co-executive directors. Cannon said that she would support that suggestion, and that the Board needs to help employees grown.

Motion by Board Member Christy to appoint staff members Leah Perkins and Lisa Du Pre' as interim co-executive directors and have Don Hillman divide his duties. Second by Board Member Cannon. Motion carried 7 -0

Motion by Board Member Flagg to have Vice President McCoun take his place on the Taskforce. Second by Board Member Christy. Motion carried 7 -0

5. **Announcements** – None.
6. **Correspondence** - None other than what was in the packet.
7. **Board Oral Communications** –
8. **Other Matters of Information** – None other than what was in the packet.

With no further business before the Board, President Hirst adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Don G. Hillman
Recording Secretary

Hirb Hirst
Board President

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX FACILITY SCHEDULE MAY-2008

(Highlighted events are no-charge)

Friday, May 02, 2008

Main Exhibit Hall Gem Faire

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

****Entire Complex 4-H Night**

Saturday, May 03, 2008

Friendship Square Plant Sale
Main Exhibit Hall Gem Faire
Quadrant Property Rally Cross

Saturday, May 31, 2008

Main Exhibit-North Resale Event
Quadrant Property Rally Cross

****4-H Small Animal Show Cloverleaf Bldg.**

Sunday, May 04, 2008

Main Exhibit Hall Gem Faire
Quadrant Property Rally Cross
Friendship Square Plant Sale
****Floral Bldg. 4-H Meeting**

Wednesday, May 07, 2008

Main Exhibit-North Dog Obedience Class

****Floral Building Fair Board/Booster Meetings**

****Entire Complex 4-H Night**

Saturday, May 10, 2008

Cloverleaf Bldg. Booster's Event

Main Exhibit/Front Lawn World's Largest Yard Sale

****Barns Sheep/Goat Weigh-in**

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Floral Bldg. Ag West Sales Presentation

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Main Exhibit-North Dog Obedience Class

****Entire Complex 4-H Night**

Saturday, May 17, 2008

Cloverleaf Private Party
East Parking lots Rally America Event

Sunday, May 18, 2008

****Floral Bldg. 4-H Meeting**

East Parking lots Rally America Event

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

****Main Exhibit-North Task Force Meeting**

****Entire Complex 4-H Night**

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Main Exhibit-South/Lawn Private Function

SPECIAL REPORTS

County of Washington

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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 28, 2008

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board

From: Leah E. Perkins-Hagele, Fair Coordinator
Albert Flanagan Jr., Facilities & Maintenance Manager

Re: May 2008 Operations Report

Main Exhibit Hall – The wood gables on the Main Exhibit Building are in need of replacement. Staff will be getting bids from contractors. The plan is to have this done prior to the County Fair.

Cloverleaf Building – The roof on the Cloverleaf Building is leaking and appears to have outlived its useful life. The leaking has caused the stucco on the south side to fail and the west interior wall to deteriorate. Staff requests direction from the Board on this item.

Cottonwood Tree Removal – Staff is working on having these trees removed prior to the Fair.

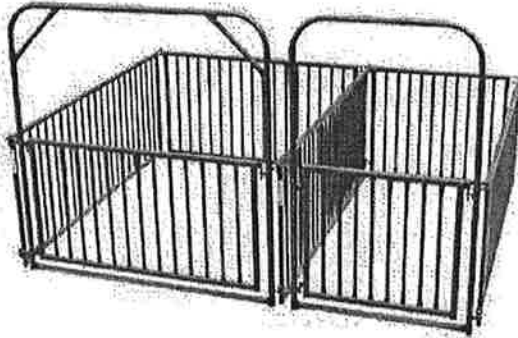
New Tractor – Pacific Tractor (Kubota dealer) in Hillsboro had the low bid and staff received the new tractor last week. Pacific Tractor took the old Ford and John Deere tractors in on trade.

OLD BUSINESS

Swine Barn Renovation Project Proposal
In Memory of Brian Herinckx

Stage one of the project:

Replace all existing panels in the current swine barn. Replace with Priefert panels as shown below. **Estimated costs \$25, 000**



SHEEP & HOG PANELS

Stage two of project:

Remove the scale form current barn. Construct a covered building just south of the current pig barn. The building and surrounding area would have a concrete base to accommodate the scale and the weighing of the market hogs. This opens up the pig barn for more exhibitor pens. **Estimated cost \$450**

Stage three of project:

Renovate and add 3 more wash stations to the existing wash rack for the swine area. This includes adding more concrete to get rid of the mud and divert the runoff into the drain. **Estimated cost \$400**

Stage four of project:

Add automatic watering devices to all new pens in the existing barn. **\$800**

Stage five of project:

Construct a new 40' x 84' building south of the current pig barn. Turn the existing pig barn into a show ring that would increase visibility of the swine show and make the show ring accessible to other species during the fair. **Estimated cost \$11,000**

(See drawing)

These prices are calculated at current list price, not "vendor friendly pricing"

Existing Swine Barn
 Convert to Show Ring



New Addition 40 x 84
 Includes New Hog Panels

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NEW BUSINESS

County of Washington

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FAX MEMORANDUM

Date: April 30, 2008

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

From: Lisa DuPre', Fair Complex Marketing/Events Manager
Washington County Fair Complex

Re: Appointment of new Board Treasurer

With the resignation of Board Member Rafe Flagg last month, the Fair Board needs to elect a new Treasurer to take over the position for the remainder of the calendar year.

Of the currently seated Board members, the following members hold an office:

Herbert Hirst—Board Chair
Don McCoun—Vice-Chair
Renee Cannon—Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar of Events
May 2008 – October 2008

Date	Event	Location
May		
7	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
7	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
26	Memorial Day	Office Closed
June		
4	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
4	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
July		
2	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
2	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
4	Holiday	Office Closed
7 – 13	4H Horse Fair	Arena and Stable Area
24 – 27	Washington County Fair	Fair Complex
August		
8	No Board Meeting	Hillsboro Airport
9	Oregon International Air Show	Hillsboro Airport
10	Oregon Internaitonal Air Show	Hillsboro Airport
29	OFA Meeting – State Fair	Salem, Oregon
September		
1	Labor Day	Office Closed
3	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
3	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
October		
1	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
1	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
10-31	13 th Door at Frite Lites	Fair Complex

CORRESPONDENCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

OTHER MATTERS OF INFORMATION

**Washington County Fair Complex Boosters
Meeting Minutes
March 5th, 2008**

President Lyle Spiesschaert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Floral Building of the Fair Grounds. There were 24 members present.

Minutes of February 6th, 2008. Motioned by Shelton Jones and seconded by Inez Griffels to accept the minutes as presented. **Passed Unanimously.**

Treasurer's report was given. Inez Griffels made a motion to except the treasurer's report that was presented in his absence. Kathy Schmidlkofer seconded. **Passed unanimously.** There were no bills presented.

Audit/Budget was presented at last meeting.

Executive Committee- Charlie Vandehey reported that the officers would like to get the committee going again, but were not sure who was on it in the beginning. The By-laws indicate that the Executive Committee shall consist of the current officers, immediate pass president plus five general members. David Grossen and Fred Scheller expressed an interest to stay on the committee. The committee would meet every other month. Also considered for the committee were the other committee chairpersons. Kathy Schmidlkofer made a motion that the Executive Committee consists of the present officers, the 4 committee chairpersons, and 2 members. Glenna Dryden seconded. Charlie Vandehey amended the motion to include the new Historical Task Force committee chairperson Inez Griffels. Paul Goldmann seconded it. **Passed.**

Fair Board Report- Dan Logan reported the fair office staff talked about having up to 3 Ambassadors to represent the fair this year instead of a Rodeo Ambassador Queen. They set aside \$5,000 for scholarships and program expense. The Ambassadors would start July 1 until the end of Fair. Discussions on the Renaissance fair are being considered for the east part of the Complex. As for the Task Force, Dan Logan has been giving presentations on the master plan for the fair. Fair staff is moving their offices to the Airport Terminal across the street for \$3,000 a month.

Revitalization Committee – March is start of the time line for their outreach to the community about the new master plan and what it will take to bring it to life. Lyle Spiesschaert and David Rohrer presented to the Forest Grove Chamber and the Forest Grove City Council. The Task Force is scheduled to adopt the master plan at their next meeting. They will also do polling to see if people will vote favorable for this measure at the November election. Dan Bloom (guest) had a concern about the master plan. He does not want so much parking around the buildings and would like to put it closer to Cornell. Lyle inquired of the members what the Boosters stand is on the master plan. Any concerns should be sent to the Task Force Committee. Discussion followed.

Water Feature- Bill Ganger, Paul Goldmann, Lyle Spiesschaert and Tom Black have been working on major repairs to the fountain. One pump is frozen and the other pump is operational. There needs to be a work schedule for maintaining the fountain. Lyle thanked them for all their time they have put into keeping the water feature beautiful and working. Thoughts on a sign for the fountain were discussed. One idea was to make it a memorial fountain for all of those who work so hard at the fair

5000
that have passed on. Bill Ganger will come to the next meeting with wording for the sign. We will request approval from the Fair Board regarding the sign.

Website – Tom Black reported that the web site was working.

Historical Committee – Inez Griffels gave a report on what this committee is doing.

She has been talking with publishers about what kind of book, how many pictures-mostly black & white, some color that would be included in the book. It might be a hardbound book, price ranging from \$20 to \$25. An idea was to have people send in pictures and stories about their time at the fair. Looking into finding where some of the Booster items were kept in the fair office as a source for information for the book. Sheila Day will talk to Irene Barnes. There are some old Fair Board minutes on the Fair web site.

Food booth – Al Goldmann said if the Fair Board was going to make us move our booth that we needed to be next to the beer gardens. Dan Logan said that it was not mentioned about moving the foodbooth at the fair board meeting that afternoon. One way to get more seating around the arena was to move the booster booth.

Old Business - “The motion to give \$5,000 to the Brian Hernickx Memorial fund” was taken off the table. The Boosters have been at work to get the Task Force to modify their proposed Master Plan to include the new swine barn. Tom Brian sent out an email about not removing any building and not to build any new buildings until the master plan is completed. There was discussion whether the Fair Board should buy the swine pens as part of their obligation. Inez Riffles made a motion to table the funding request on the swine barn until next month. Al Goldmann seconded. Joe Evers said he would like to withdraw his motion he made at the February meeting because they don’t need the Booster money anymore. Charlie Vandehey said we should table it indefinitely. Passed unanimously. Charlie Vandehey motioned that the Boosters support the Fair Board financing the purchase of the swine pens for this project and the Task Force adopt this facility as part of the master plan. Inez Griffels seconded. Passed unanimously. Lyle Spiesschaert will contact the Fair Board with our request.

2008 Fair – The theme we would like to use at the information booth is – Past, Present and Future. Discussion is continuing with Community Newspapers, Inc and the Fair Staff regarding this proposed relationship between the Boosters and the Community Newspapers.

Eagle Scout Service Project Requests- Tom Black was thanked for all his work in bring the scout and the master gardeners together. The scouts worked on the drain lines to eliminate standing water.

Parade Committee – St. Patrick’s Day Parade is March 15. Sheila Day would like to have a flat bed truck or a trailer to decorate for the parade. Everyone is to show up and decorate and ride on the float. Bill will look into Roy Hofer’s 1948 tractor for the parade.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Marsh Secretary

Next meeting is April 2nd, 2008
7:00 pm – Floral Building

Washington County Fair Complex Boosters
Meeting Minutes
April 2nd, 2008

President Lyle Spiesschaert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Floral Building of the Fair Grounds. There were 22 members present.

Minutes of March 5th, 2008. Motioned was made and seconded to accept the minutes corrected. Second to the last paragraph, first sentence, in the minutes should read "Tom Black was thanked for all his work in bring the sheriff's work weekend warriors and the master gardeners together." **Passed Unanimously.**

Treasurer's report was given. There were two bills submitted, website (\$9.99) and supplies (\$85.68). Al Godmann made a motion to except the treasurer's report and to pay the two bills. Steve Griffels seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Audit/Budget- No report.

Executive Committee- There was no meeting planned before this meeting. They will meet before next meeting.

Fair Board Report- Dan Logan talked about the postponement of distortion of fair office and other trailer. Mentioned that Don Hillman will be retiring at the end of this month. The Board adopted the Ambassador program. No one can come onto the fairgrounds without permission for the office staff. Discussed the Booster letter (Lyle wrote in our behave.) about the board buying the swine pens. The building is still up in limbo, will not be given permission to build until the Task Force has a chance to meet and OK it. Dan is on the committee to rewrite a job description for the fair manager's position.

Revitalization Committee – Has not met in quite a while.

Water Feature- The fountain needs a new pump. Paul Goldmann brought a pump for us to look at and decide on. Paul Goldmann and Bill Ganger will fix the fence around the fountain. The new sign for the fountain, Bill Ganger will give us option next meeting.

Website – Tom Black reported that the web site was working.

Historical Committee – No report given.

Food booth – Al Goldmann said there is nothing to report as yet.

Old Business - Boosters role at the 2008 Fair – Dave Rohrer will ask the task force to help us. We are still willing to man the information booth.

Membership Committee – Sheila Day needs current phone, address, email, etc. to make sure she and Judy Marsh can deliver information promptly. It is a member's responsibility to contact either Sheila or Judy when your information changes.

Eagle Scout Service Project Requests- Matt Dahlquist proposed to fix up the Booster's Food Booth as his eagle project. Reinforce counters, clean & paint roof sign, and reroof our building. Thoughts on how long it was going to last there after the master plan goes into effect. Price for the roof and paint was discussed. Fred Scheller made a motion to except the project, expenses for paint, minimal amount to be spent on roof. Not to exceed \$400. Jim Clute amended the motion to included, roof to be a light colored roll on roof. Seconded by Inza Griffles. Passed Unanimously.

Parade Committee – St. Patrick's Day Parade went great. One of the best float we have ever had, but need more people to ride. 4th of July parade is coming up fast. Our float will be pulled by a 6 horse hitch, might be a great way to promote membership.

Community Celebration Proposal - The Cloverleaf Building has been rented for May 10th for a gathering of Booster partnerships and friends. It was suggest having an old fashion Hoe Down. There would be an open house from 2:00 to 5:00pm for everyone and then from 6:00 to whenever will be just for the Boosters. Maybe booths around the room – history, membership, etc. Presentations of the Task Forces Master Plan to be held. Maybe get Irene Barnes to play her accordion, Groups to sing, maybe Tommy Overstreet. Square dance caller? Maybe a high school band. Have hot dogs and fixing for open house, dairy women supplying the ice cream. Fred Scheller made the motion to hold a Hoe Down. Paul Godmann second. Passed Unanimously. Shelia Day will get the invitations for the private party. Leo Duyck should be contacted to help supply the meat from Columbia Meats.

OFA Spring Meeting – April 11th & 12th at Hermiston. Cost is \$30. Inez Griffels will be our representative at that meeting. Debbie Van Roekel made a motion to pay for Inez fee of \$30. to attend the meeting. Tom Black second. Passed Unanimously.

Meril Eakins wanted everyone to apply for Raff Flags position on the Fair Board. Lyle will try to help the Boosters by talking with Tom Brain. Everyone thinks it is not a fair process the commissioners have for choosing appointments to the fair board.

Lyle gave the Task Force presentation on the new master plan for the fair. Lots of questions and comments afterward. Need to email concerns to the Task Force.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Marsh Secretary

**Next meeting is June 4th, 2008
7:00 pm – Floral Building**

NEWS TIMES

County fair director's exit surprises some

Fallout - Don Hillman was in the middle of a spat with commissioners

BY CHRISTIAN GASTON

The Forest Grove News-Times, Apr. 2, 2008

Don Hillman's resignation from his post as director of the Washington County Fair took a lot of fair watchers by surprise.

Neither Hillman nor his bosses are saying much about his March 22 announcement.

County Fair Board Chair Herb Hirst said Hillman had already reduced his hours to part-time, and bowing out completely before the summer events season was logical timing.

"He had decided that he wanted to move on to some other things," Hirst said.

But Washington County Commissioner Andy Duyck suspects that a recent spat between county commissioners and their appointees to the fair board over buildings at the fair complex in Hillsboro may have sped up Hillman's exit.

"I think, honestly, Don is looking at the whole situation and saying, 'It's pretty hot here and I'm not appreciated and it's probably best if I move somewhere where I am appreciated,'" Duyck said.

Hillman's tenure as director, which began in 2001, was rocky in recent years.

In 2006, a controversial proposal to revamp the fairgrounds in concert with developer Opus Northwest fell apart amid organized opposition from the county Fair Boosters, a group of about 200 who volunteer time and money for the annual fair, and neighbors.

After the Opus deal died, fair board members started talks with a firm to lease 25 acres of the 101-acre fairgrounds to a Royal Faires, Inc., which hoped to hold an annual renaissance festival on the property.

That proposal also drew frustration from the Boosters who feared the traditional agricultural focus of the annual fair would be undermined by permanent structures.

The second bout of controversy led Washington County Chairman Tom Brian to form a revitalization task force, separate from the fair board, charged with hammering out a master plan for the site.

The renaissance fair is still on the table, but now the \$55 million revitalization plan also includes a new 120,000 square-foot exhibit hall that could draw conventions, trade shows and high school graduations

Once the master plan was drafted, Brian and Duyck secured a verbal agreement from Hirst and the members of the fair board that no buildings would be built or demolished until the plan could move forward (which still needs to be formally approved by the taskforce, the fair board and county commissioners).

But early in March, the fair board decided to let the Hillsboro Fire Department do a test burn on a building, known as the Rodeo Museum, on the fairgrounds, prompting Duyck to wonder if the previous agreement was going to be kept.

“We felt that we had a sort of informal agreement that no buildings would be added or removed until the master plan had been approved,” Duyck said.

Then the board voted to build a new pig barn to honor Brian Herinckx, a longtime fair supporter who died in a January car accident.

Neither Brian nor Hillman were available to comment, but Hirst said the pig barn vote angered Brian, who told Hirst he didn't want any new buildings going up until the master plan could be set in stone.

“He wasn't in total agreement with the swine barn, but that's the way things go,” Hirst said. “He understands ... that the fair board has the full control over the management of the fairgrounds.”

While fair board members are appointed by the county commissioners, they comprise an independent board that makes decisions on its own.

Hirst said that regardless of the reasons, Hillman's sudden departure is a big loss. “Frankly, he's done more for the county fair than anyone previously,” he said.

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Fair board losing members, direction

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By Kurt Eckert
The Hillsboro Argus

The Argus

The Washington County Fair Complex Board of Directors is losing its chief executive officer, and after announcing it was losing another member Wednesday night, seemed to be losing its way.

Since the formation of a county task force to decide the direction of fairgrounds revitalization in early 2007, one fair board member's term has expired, and three have resigned, the most recent being W. Rafe Flagg, who announced his departure Wednesday. Chief Executive Officer Don Hillman announced his resignation a week ago. Flagg's last day is April 15; Hillman's is April 22.

With the passage of a bond measure in November lingering over the heads of the fair board, of late it's been difficult for the board to take any action regarding the fairgrounds, said President Herb Hirst.

Wednesday, issues included renovating swine barns, destroying dilapidated office buildings and taking a direction on a proposed Renaissance fair. But each time a motion was considered, erring on the side of caution took momentum away.

Despite strong support for all three projects, no official vote was taken.

Hirst said he'd been told in no uncertain terms the board was not to put any buildings on the fairgrounds, or remove any buildings, until given the OK by the task force. Without giving the friends and family of the late Brian Herinckx permission to begin the swine barn renovation, it won't be ready by this year's fair, he said.

"It's not a case of anyone not wanting the project to happen," Hirst said. "It's a case of is it the right time.

"I don't want to get slapped down again."

The task force itself has not been exactly forthcoming on its direction either, said Hirst.

Its supposed formation in December of 2006 slipped to April, 2007, and a meeting scheduled for this April 8 seems little more than a rumor now, he said.

The board eventually elected to put all eggs in one basket, hoping the results of a Monday meeting between board President Herb Hirst and Washington County Board of Commissioners Chair Tom Brian would show the way.

The board did manage a vote to give Hirst and Vice President Don McCoun the authority to write checks to pay salaries and fairgrounds expenses until a new executive director is found.

Members Dan Logan, Renee Cannon and McCoun were named to a committee to formulate a position

description for the new position, which is again questionable due to the task force and the upcoming election, Hirst said.

"It seems odd to get someone here to take a job with November coming," he said.

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Fair board needs time to set agenda

Friday, April 11, 2008

By Kurt Eckert
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A Monday meeting between Washington County Fair Board President Herb Hirst and county commission Chairman Tom Brian appears to have borne fruit.

Hirst said Thursday that some stalled activities at the fairgrounds did not imply the board is losing direction, but that it is trying to work within a different framework that includes coordination with the Washington County Fair Complex Revitalization Task Force.

"We are in agreement with the direction that the task force is taking and believe that after the final task force report is given that we will have a positive blueprint to work toward," Hirst wrote in an e-mail. A successful bond levy this November would position the complex to host "big time" shows and expositions, as well as continuing a successful annual county fair, he said.

Brian told Hirst the fair board had the authority to remove or destroy dilapidated buildings on the fairgrounds property, but asked for time to get out a "review and consent" e-mail to the task force, because the buildings are currently on the task force master plan.

The Master Gardener's building and the trailer that formerly housed the fairgrounds' administrative office are both outdated, and in the office's case, are unhealthy, according to staff reports.

"Unless there are objections for some reason, my guess is that both of these buildings will be removed," Brian said.

A proposed swine barn renovation in memory of Brian Herinckx will be added to the agenda at the next task force meeting, probably in early May, Brian said. Pending building permits will probably stop the renovation from being completed by this year's fair, Brian said.

As far as other issues, including the possibility of a Renaissance fair, the extension of Grant Street to Brookwood Avenue and the relocation of a National Guard facility to the southeast part of the fairgrounds, the county and the fair board have to work with the Port of Portland, Brian said. That would require the approval of the Federal Aviation Administration.

"So, the Port understandably wants to have all three land requests into the FAA at one time, as a package rather than separate requests," Brian said. "There is no way we will be able to have necessary approvals by the Port, the FAA, the ONG and the County by May. More likely by the end of the year."

A work group will meet soon to discuss these options, and will offer a recommendation to the task force when it meets in May, he said.

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Public Renaissance fair talk set April 29

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The local gentry is invited to discuss the possibility of adding a Renaissance fair at the Washington County Fair Complex.

The meeting is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, at the Hillsboro Civic Center, Room 113.

The main topic will be the Arizona Renaissance Festival trip taken by several Task Force members and community representatives in February. The Renaissance Festival work group will provide their impressions about the festival to help formulate a recommendation to the Fairgrounds Revitalization Task Force.

Consultants will continue to gather feedback from the public between now and the next Task Force meeting, as yet unscheduled.

Assistive listening devices are available for persons with impaired hearing and can be scheduled for this meeting by calling 503-685-7574 (voice) or 503-846-4598 (TDD).

Washington County will, upon request, endeavor to provide qualified bilingual interpreters and qualified sign language interpreters (for persons with speech or hearing impairments). Because these services must be scheduled with outside service providers, call 503-685-7574 with special needs no later than three business days prior to a meeting.

Contact Laura Probst at 503-685-7574 or go online to www.co.washington.or.us/fairgroundstaskforce for more information, informational brochures for neighbors or to request a task force draft master plan presentation for a particular group. A new feature of the Web site is an updated Frequently Asked Questions page. Submit more questions if necessary.

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Renaissance talk previews coming fairground events

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

The Hillsboro Argus

After today's morning meeting discussing issues, conclusions and recommendations regarding a potential Renaissance Festival at the Washington County Fair Complex, the public can get more information about the fairgrounds master plan on television and through future public meetings.

Fairgrounds task force member Jack Franklin and Washington County Communications Officer Philip Bransford discuss the master plan on Tualatin Valley Community TV's Channel 21 today at 11:36 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Wednesday at 9:39 p.m. and Thursday, at 9:37 p.m.

The county's Fair Boosters will host a roundup from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at the fair complex' Cloverleaf building.

There will be a presentation of the master plan by members of the task force. Hot dogs, beverages and ice cream will be served. There will be carnival-style games, musical entertainment and the opportunity to learn about the Boosters' Goals and objectives for 2008. Free parking is available.

The public still has time to submit comments about the master plan before the Task Force reconvenes in May. View the master plan at fairgroundstaskforce.com and e-mail comments to fairgroundcomments@gmail.com.

Details of the May meeting should be available later this week.

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Renaissance festival stays in fairgrounds' plan – for now

Washington County work group trying to solve puzzle of parking, site improvement funding

BY KEVIN HARDEN

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Washington County officials are going to keep talking with organizers of a summer Renaissance festival planned for the fairgrounds in Hillsboro, while they try to solve the site's parking puzzle.

A 17-member working group voted 15 to 2 Tuesday morning to recommend that the **Fairgrounds**

Revitalization Task Force continue negotiating with Oregon Renaissance Festival LLC of Saint Louis Park, Minn., to bring a six-week event to a new festival village on 15 acres at the fairgrounds in the summer of 2009.

Only county Commissioner Andy Duyck of Forest Grove and former Commissioner John Leeper of Cedar Mill voted against the proposal. Both said they didn't oppose the Renaissance festival's plan, but were worried about the timing. They also didn't like the idea of tying up the site in a long-term lease if other family friendly events could be available.

Washington County's Fairgrounds Revitalization Task Force will consider the working group recommendation at its May 21 meeting in Hillsboro. After that, the issue goes to the county fair board.

The task force has worked for more than a year on a master plan to renovate the 101-acre fairgrounds site. The plan could include a proposed bond measure to help pay for an estimated \$55 million in improvements

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that would be done in four phases. That includes construction of a new 120,000-square-foot exhibition hall and a 100,000-square-foot open pavilion.

If it finds a home, Oregon's Renaissance festival could join others around the country as summer weekend events full of entertainment and pageantry plucked from the 16th century, with jousting, castles, pubs and characters in colorful costumes.

Annual festivals in Arizona and North Carolina draw thousands of people, some from hundreds of miles away.

Continuing the conversation

There's just a couple of hitches: First, Washington County is in a race to provide space for Oregon's Renaissance festival. Linn County officials are still trying to work out plans to provide about 175 acres in the mid-Willamette Valley area for the festival. That plan was scuttled last fall, but could be recently revived.

The second is, the fairgrounds will need Federal Aviation Administration approval to expand its parking to land near the Hillsboro Airport. That approval could take until the end of the year, or beyond, as a new administration takes office in Washington, D.C.

During Tuesday's meeting, Tom Brian, chairman of the county board of commissioners, said the festival would provide a long-term family event that could become a regional attraction and revenue-generator, something the fairgrounds need.

"We're trying to continue the conversation, but not make a decision until after the issues with the FAA and bond measure are decided," Brian said.

Site's advantages

Robert Levine, one of the Oregon festival's organizers, said Washington County's fairgrounds site was the group's "first choice," but it would take the event to either place where it's welcome.

"Our position is that we'd like to do a show," Levine said. "It's whoever gets to us first, I guess."

Levine said the Oregon festival would need a year to book vendors and fair participants. If Washington County comes up with a solid plan by this summer, the group might bring the show here, he said.

"We're going to hang on until somebody says 'we want you,'" Levine said. "Either site will work, but we see some advantages in Washington County."

Last fall, Levine's group proposed a 20-year lease for a 15-acre site east of Hillsboro's 34th Avenue south of Northwest Cornell Road. The site is used for fairgrounds parking, which might complicate the issue.

Included in the proposal was about \$1 million in new buildings and site improvements that would be used by the festival and then available the rest of the year for local events.

Washington County also would collect a percentage of the festival's admission costs and vendors' sales, which could bring in about \$250,000.

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Organizers decide on \$5 gate fee

Dave Roepke, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

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No more freebies at the Red River Valley Fair gate – unless you’ve planned ahead.

The fair will once again charge a gate admission, Manager Bryan Schulz said at a news conference Wednesday.

The \$5 gate fee comes after two years of free admission to the fair. Schulz said a gate fee makes sense, given that other fair-type of events in the area – like Fargodome’s RibFest – charge a cover.

“We think it’s well worth the money,” he said of the nine-day fair scheduled to start on June 13.

Fair officials considered a \$2 fee but decided it would not raise enough money, Schulz said. He wasn’t sure what the projected income would be with a \$5 fee, but former fair manager Wayne Venter said after last year’s event that a \$2 door fee could raise \$175,000.

Though admission fees were lifted in an attempt to boost crowds, Schulz said he does not expect a cover to keep people away. The gate fee will be free each weekday from 11 to 2, Schulz said, and advance tickets to grandstand events will come with free gate admission.

Schulz also unveiled the entertainment lineup for the fair on Wednesday. A couple of country rockers and a trio of vintage metal bands will bookend a week of motor and rodeo events. Country veteran Travis Tritt, former Fargo country-rock band 32 Below and a bill of metal acts will perform in weekend concerts.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. shows will be \$20 in advance or \$45 for all three. At-the-gate single-



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show seats will also be \$20 but won't include admission.

The all-concert passes will be \$40 until Friday at 4:30 p.m. and can be purchased at the fair office in West Fargo. They can also be ordered via phone by calling the fair office at (701) 282-2200. Tickets can also be bought at Stop N Go stores starting Monday.

Tickets for the rodeo and motor events will be \$12 a night in advance or \$14 at the gate and will begin at 7 p.m.

Fair schedule

- June 13, 32 Below
- June 14, Travis Tritt
- June 15, tractor pull
- June 16, demolition derby
- June 17-19, bull riding
- June 19, sprint car racing
- June 20, Friday Night Races
- June 21, Dokken, Slaughter and Blue Öyster Cult

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Historic Beamsville fairgrounds sold

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A deal has been reached to sell the Beamsville Fairgrounds.

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A century and a half after it first opened its gates, the Lincoln fair is looking for a new home.

The Lincoln Agricultural Society has struck a conditional agreement to sell its Beamsville fairground to a land developer who intends to transform it into a residential development.

But the fair organizers are vowing the eventual sale of its property in the heart of Beamsville's urban area won't spell the end of its 161-year-old September festival.

The agricultural society is finalizing a deal to buy a piece of land above the escarpment to relocate and build modern facilities, president Joe Keller said.

"Part of our concern was if we were going to do this, that we never lose a fair," Keller said Thursday.

The agricultural society has accepted a conditional offer on the 24.7-acre property by Stoney Creek-based developer Homes by DeSanctis.

Keller declined to say how much the society will be paid for the land, if the sale goes through.

However, he said the projected construction value of the residential development and the new fairground facilities combined will top \$200 million.

"It's substantial," he said.

The developer hasn't yet indicated how many units it wants to build on the site.

"They haven't come up with any kind of concept plan. It's very, very early in the process," Lincoln director of planning and development Kathleen Dale said.

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Development restrictions on agricultural property under the province's Greenbelt Act have driven up the cost of land dramatically in Lincoln's urban area.

The agricultural society is facing the prospect of having to replace or upgrade many of its aging buildings, Ketter said.

The organization's board of directors felt selling the property and building new facilities offered the best option, he said.

"Our objective ... is that we'll have money to buy a new piece of property, we'll have money to build a new complex and we'll have money then to act as a reserve for the future financial needs of the society," he said.

The society is finalizing a deal to buy land for a new fairground atop the escarpment west of Mountain Road and north of Regional Road 73.

Ketter said he's hearing mixed community reaction to the potential sale of the society's current property.

"Some people are having a hard time with it because the fairgrounds have always been there and they've always had use of it," he said.

"Others are very supportive because they realize the position the society is in."

The fairgrounds, located off Ontario Street near Beamsville's downtown core, is partially surrounded by residential subdivisions.

Lincoln Coun. Margaret Andrews said some neighbouring residents have voiced concern with the idea of what is now a large open space being replaced by a subdivision.

"It's a change and change is always something that can make waves," she said.

But Andrews — chair of council's planning and development committee — said she's keeping an open mind on the proposal.

"I don't think any of us are prepared to say this is a really good thing or this is not a good thing. I think it's important to go through the (planning) process," she said.

Lincoln Mayor Bill Hodgson delivered much the same message.

"Our personal opinions really don't matter," he said.

"We want to be fair and value input from the rest of the community."

Town planning staff sat down with the developer and representatives of the agricultural society Wednesday to begin discussing the proposal.

The fairground property currently has an open-space zoning and would require amendments to the town's Official Plan and zoning bylaw to permit residential development.

There will be several opportunities during the planning process for members of the public to provide feedback, Dale said.

A planner hired by the developer to oversee the project couldn't be reached for comment.

FAIR FACTS:

- First regular fair held in Beamsville in 1857
- First five acres of present fairgrounds bought by the former Clinton Agricultural Society in 1871
- An additional eight acres bought in 1913
- Property now encompasses more than 24.7 acres off Ontario Street
- Site has 12 buildings, including a grandstand, as well as a lighted baseball diamond and horse track

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State eases livestock rule

Mandate on animals exhibited at fairs may be lifted

By Adriana Colindres

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Responding to the outcry over a new state rule about who may exhibit livestock and horses at Illinois fairs, including the Logan County Fair, legislators are considering lifting the mandate. In the meantime, the state Department of Agriculture has decided to ease the rule for now, making it voluntary.

Late last year, the department announced that anyone wanting to show livestock or horses at state, county, 4-H or FFA fairs would have to provide a "premises identification number" specifying where the animal is usually kept.

Agency officials said the requirement would help them react more quickly to animal-disease outbreaks and pinpoint the locations of horses or livestock that might have come into contact with sick animals.

Obtaining a premises ID number requires filling out a questionnaire that asks for a facility's name, address, phone number and the types of livestock raised. It doesn't ask about acreage or herd or flock size.

Opponents say the rule is an unnecessary invasion of privacy.

"They (federal and state agriculture officials) already know where we are. They have our addresses," Sam Zumwalt, a farmer in Hancock County, said Friday. "It's total repetition and waste of money."

Rep. Richard Myers, R-Colchester, and Sen. John Sullivan, D-Rushville, are the main sponsors of House Bill 5776, which sailed through the House on a 108-0 vote earlier this month.

The measure, which still needs approval from the Senate and the governor, would prohibit the state from requiring premises registration unless the federal government makes it mandatory.

The legislation also would permit people who have signed up for premises IDs to remove their names from the database.

Myers and Sullivan said they've heard from many constituents who are upset about "premises registration."

"They felt the FFA and 4-H kids were being unfairly singled out because if the parents didn't want to register the property, it would be the kids who suffer," Myers said.

Department of Agriculture spokeswoman Paris Ervin said Friday the agency has decided the new rule will be voluntary for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Department officials also working with industry groups about premises registration "to come

up with a plan that everyone is happy with," Ervin said.

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Naming rights part of \$11.7M restoration for Dallas Fair Park Esplanade Fountain

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As it stands now, the Esplanade Fountain is a leaky concrete tank with little to recommend it but a setting at the gateway of Fair Park.

But an \$11.7 million restoration plan soon will transform the fountain and its 700-foot reflecting pool into an elaborate water-and-light show that city officials hope will draw new life into a fading Dallas attraction.

As part of their plan, city parks officials are quietly seeking a sponsor willing to pay as much as \$5 million for naming rights to the historic fountain.

If they are successful, it would mark the first sale of naming rights for an original piece of Fair Park. "This [fountain] and our downtown parks are the great naming opportunities in the city," said Willis Winters, assistant director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The park's general manager, Daniel Huerta, acknowledged that the sale of naming rights is sensitive, particularly when it comes to older parks. But the cost of creating, restoring and maintaining major attractions at parks is changing attitudes, he said.

In the case of the Esplanade, a sponsor's money would pay for the addition of significant extras such as landscaping and colored lights, both for the fountain and surrounding buildings, that aren't part of the city's \$11.7 million plan.

But the bulk of the restoration, including 272 water jets planned for installation inside the fountain, will be paid for with public bond funds.

Officials involved in the restoration acknowledge it's pricey, but they say it is a key part of a plan to make Fair Park a major attraction year-round, not just during the State Fair.

With a DART rail stop coming to the Parry Avenue entrance in September 2009, the park will be easier to get to. But people need more reasons to go there than the museums.

"We want it to be more of a place where people come to have something to eat and maybe sip a glass of wine," Mr. Huerta said.

Expected to open in November 2009, the Esplanade's 15- to 30-minute water shows will run back to back during park hours.

So at any given time, someone could stop by the fountain and watch jets of water spray in rhythm to "How the West Was Won" or perhaps some Mozart.

The city has already commissioned 10 water-and-light shows, which will be accompanied by 10 different songs. The final musical selections haven't been made.

Once the fountain is complete and the shows are set, running them won't be cheap.

In addition to the cost of restoring the fountain and installing the water jets, the city will need \$600,000 to \$800,000 a year to operate the Esplanade.

That's not an easy amount to ask the city to budget, particularly for a park that runs in the red year in and year out.

And lately, the news out of Fair Park has mostly been bad. It's struggling not only with the loss of staple tenants like the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic but with increased competition for others, like Broadway musicals.

Still, city officials know that if the park doesn't successfully retool itself and begin to draw larger numbers of people during times when the State Fair isn't in town, its future will continue to be in doubt.

"We have to have a body of attractions, not just museums ... so that people will think, 'I've got three hours, let's go to Fair Park. It's pretty, the fountains are on, let's see what's going on,'" said Craig Holcomb, president of Friends of Fair Park.

That's where the Esplanade restoration will return the city's investment, Mr. Winters said.

Today, little happens around the fountain, despite that its location between the Automobile and Centennial buildings is the site of some of the most significant art deco architecture and art in Dallas.

Once the new fountain is turned on, and its jets of water start shooting 100 feet into the air, and its bright, white lights shine across the reflecting pool to illuminate the Hall of State, people will have a reason to come, Mr. Huerta said.

"This is going to be iconic," he said.

Refurbishing the Esplanade

The Fair Park Esplanade, a 700-foot reflecting pool capped with three fountains, was built for the 1936 Texas Centennial. It runs between the Centennial and Automobile buildings to the entrance of the Hall of State.

\$11.7 million

Cost of a major restoration that would transform the Esplanade into a key Fair Park attraction by late 2010.

178

Number of white lights that would line the jets, pool and surrounding buildings to create various lighting

effects.

272

Number of water jets that would spray high into the air. They would be installed in a single line and three circles at the center and ends of the reflecting pool.

10

Number of water shows, choreographed to classical music and at least one western tune, that would play during park hours



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Smaller S.J. Fair aims for bigger entertainment value

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Apr 13, 2008 (The Record - McClatchy-Tribune Information Services via COMTEX) --
 - Fewer days might end up being better days for the San Joaquin County Fair in 2008.

At least that's what event organizers are hoping for when the fair, which traditionally has run for 11 or 13 days, is held over just five days this year -- June 18-22.

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"The whole idea ... is the slogan 'five days of fun,'" said Forrest White, the fair's chief executive officer. "We look that and said, 'How do we make that happen? How do we cram it full and make it fun?'"

"So we're putting more activities into a lesser amount of time."

The fair has experienced dwindling attendance and some unfortunate incidents in recent years, including the death of 8-year-old Reuben Castillo, who fell nearly 100 feet while riding alone on the Giant Wheel in 2006.

The 2008 schedule was shortened because state officials moved the horse racing dates to Sept. 3-14, prompting White and the fair's nine-member board to conclude an 11-day June fair without daily races was not feasible.

To compensate, there will be an assortment of new events and attractions -- including an interactive children's building and a rain forest exhibit with live animals -- as well as an upgraded level of Main Stage entertainment.

Randy Travis, Travis Tritt, Smokey Robinson and Remon Ayala have been booked for the 5,000-seat Main Stage. A classic rock act will be added.

For the first time, the 3,000-capacity horse racing grandstand will be available. Thundering thoroughbreds will be replaced by bull riding, extreme motorcycle stunt riders and a Mexican rodeo.

"We're trying to give people a reason to come other than just the Main Stage show," White said.

The quality of those shows has been improved.

"We increased our budget," said White, 60, who's entering his 21st year of managing the fair. "Our philosophy was: 'What's the best available act on the days we're trying to book? Period.'"

In recent years, White was limited to paying \$30,000 to \$35,000 for Main Stage acts. This year, he was able to spend \$50,000 for each night.

It's all relative, though.

"Stuff we booked five years ago for \$20,000," he said, "that same act today goes for \$40,000."

There'll be one 8 p.m. Main Stage show, with the bull riding (June 20), motorcycle event (June 21) and Mexican rodeo (June 22) scheduled for 7 p.m. at the horse track grandstand.

"We doubled the ground's act budget," said White. "There'll be many more free



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activities. There'll be more (4-H, FFA) animals. It will look fuller. The carnival, rides, art, photography and flowers are still gonna be there."

The decision to reduce the fair's length was necessitated when state officials moved the horse racing -- a major draw and source of revenue -- to September.

"There was no way to sustain an 11-day fair without horse racing," marketing and promotions director Lea Isell said, adding that moving the fair to September would conflict with the opening of school and eliminate many of the 4-H and Future Farmers of America animal-breeding exhibits and auctions.

While fairs in Stanislaus County and some more populous Northern California counties still run for 10 or 11 days, those in Sonoma, Calaveras and Amador counties have three- to five-day schedules.

The average duration for California fairs is five or six days, according to Jay Van Rein, a spokesman for the state Department of Food and Agriculture.

"I was all for it," said Art Perry, 63, the fair board's president in 2007. "I thought it was a great idea. We can put more concentrated things into less days with better-quality exhibits and that type of thing. I do believe it's the future."

Ticket prices have increased by a dollar, from \$8 to \$9.

White said he's hoping the fair's reduced time frame will create a sense of immediacy that turns it into more of a go-to event -- despite a slumping economy and increasing competition from new Stockton entertainment venues, Indian casinos and Bay Area theme parks.

"It's a double-edged problem," White said. "For those who are looking for entertainment but can't afford Merriol's or Disneyland this year, does the fair become a reasonable alternative for a night out?"

"I think it will definitely be high on the scale of, 'Well, that's a bargain.' That could work to our advantage."

"The economy is a concern for all of us," said Perry, who operates George Perry & Sons, a pumpkin, watermelon and squash farm in Manteca. "I like to turn negatives into positives. With the value you get by going to this fair, we might even get more attention."

Being "realistic," White doesn't expect to equal last year's 11-day attendance of 161,000.

"We look at it as a real challenge," White said. "This is something new. I'm probably more excited about what I think it can mean for the community and the long-term health of the fair."

"I'm optimistic. We have a shorter window that's gonna be exciting. It kind of brings it back to a feeling of yesteryear, when we were the main event."

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OSU Extension Service engages the people of Oregon with research-based knowledge and education that focus on strengthening communities and economies, sustaining natural resources, and promoting healthy families and individuals.

Unique Citizen Involvement Program Adds New Staff



The CPO (Citizen Participation Organization) Program is pleased to announce that Margot Barnett has joined OSU Extension as part-time CPO coordinator. She will be sharing a position with Patt Opdyke. Linda Gray will continue working full time.

Margot's professional background and extensive community experience will bring many strengths, ideas, and talents to the county citizen involvement program. Margot has worked in the public health field with a focus on environmental and occupational health. She has given her time to her neighborhood association and community. Of note is her contribution to the Southwest Portland parks planning effort which brought together the City of Portland and the southwest neighborhoods. Vice-chair of the City of Portland Urban Forestry Commission, she will soon assume the chair position. The Commission, under Margot's leadership, is working with City of Portland staff in an advisory role to develop a new policy and update the city's tree code.

Margot will support CPO 4K (King City area), CPO 7 (Rock Creek, Bethany, Sunset West), and CPO 9 (Hillsboro, Orenco).

The CPO program is administered and coordinated by OSU Extension under a contract with Washington County. The program is designed to meet the requirements for citizen involvement set out under Oregon's Goal 1 of the state land use planning program.

Extension's Nutrition Education Program (NEP) – On the Move in Washington County!

In 2007, NEP staff continued to coordinate "eat right, move more" nutrition education classes with other agencies serving limited resource families, (food stamp offices, WIC, Head Start, Even Start). Youth programs were conducted in elementary classrooms as well as after school settings. NEP staff partnered with Boys and Girls clubs and apartment managers in to offer "Snack Attack" youth classes on site. Over 750 adults and 2,860 youth participated in a single workshop or a series of classes!

So, what difference did our classes make? Over 60% of adult participants completing a series of classes showed improvement in one or more food resource management practices (i.e., plans meals, compares prices, does not run out of food or uses grocery lists). 80% of participants showed improvement in one or more nutrition practices (i.e., makes healthy food choices, prepares foods without adding salt, reads nutrition labels or has children eat breakfast). Over 60% of youth increased knowledge of nutrition and its importance to health.

Why are the statistics important? These positive changes indicate that participants have learned new skills or information about healthy eating. Eating right – and being physically active – are keys to a healthy lifestyle. The healthful habits our participants learn may reduce their risk for chronic diseases, such as heart disease and diabetes, and increase their chance for a longer life!

Hispanic volunteers trained to share nutrition in fun ways!

If you happen to be out in the community and see rubber food and fat models showing the amount of fat in your favorite burger or hotdog, or hear the paper plate clapping of a chair aerobics session you might have come across a group of Hispanic community health promoters with the Providence Parish Health Outreach Program sharing important healthy eating and lifestyle tips.

Early this year, 35 Hispanic volunteer "health promoters" completed 15 hours of Extension Family Food Educator (FFE) nutrition training so that they can share information with their communities. The promoters are members of four local Washington County parishes (St. Cecilia Parish, St. Anthony Parish, St. Pius X Parish and St. Alexander Parish) and have already scheduled nutrition education events in their respective parishes. The Parish Health Outreach Program is sponsored by Providence St. Vincent Medical Center and has worked with Extension's foods and nutrition program for two years.

Extension's FFE Train-the-Trainer effort strives to prepare health promoters to educate and inform their communities on ways to eat a healthy diet and be more physically active. Participants learned how to teach and present basic nutrition, and received colorful displays, teaching kits and fun ideas to help in their efforts. The highlight of the classes was when promoters got to experience chair aerobics while swinging paper plates, in Spanish no less. The purpose was to experience a physical activity that could be done in a limited space - like home on a typical Oregon rainy day.

For more information on Extension's FFE Program targeting Hispanics contact lynn.steele@oregonstate.edu For recipes (in English and Spanish) that are low cost, fun to make, and good for you, visit the Extension Service Healthy Recipe website: <http://healthyrecipes.oregonstate.edu/index.php>.

GardenSmart Oregon: Guide to Non-invasive Plants

Awareness of invasive species -plants and animals- the problems they cause and ways that we may contribute to the spread often leads to the most cost-effective treatment - prevention.

Sam Chan, watershed health educator and invasive species specialist is working with Oregon Public Broadcasting, the Oregon Invasive Species Council and its partners on launching a major invasive species and awareness campaign. This year-long effort is set to launch on 22 April 2008 (Earth Day) with the airing of a special documentary on OPB, *The Silent Invasion*. OPB's Oregon Field Guide will also be airing special episodes that involve OSU Extension on invasive species in Oregon beginning in February (e.g. Sam Chan in China and the global connection with Oregon).

A colorful and well-illustrated new guide called *GardenSmart: A Guide to Non-Invasive Plants for Your Garden* will be out this month. The booklet identifies 25 of the most threatening invasive plants across Oregon and recommends non-invasive alternative plants for gardeners and landscapers. It is free from local extension offices.



2008 Master Woodland Manager Class

The 2008 Columbia/Washington County Master Woodland Manager Class graduated in January, complete with OSU orange hardhats and name tags.

Which, come to think of it, is more than you get with most graduations.

The most recent graduates are Neil Schroeder, Elouise Binns, Paul Sansone, Pat Nygren, Susan Vosburg, Jim Brown, Brian Hoyt, Dallas Boge, Cary Renzema, Sharon Boge, Bill Triest, Vic Herinckx, Paul Nys, Linda Martin and Sam Sadtler.

Their mission, as with past Master Woodland Manager groups, is to change the world of forestry one owner at a time via volunteer service in the community.

This is the third class of volunteers for our area.

Each year and each class has their own identity. One interesting note for this group was that a number of participants were the next generation of tree farm owners (or potential owners).

Some of the interests and hopes for volunteer projects that this talented group discussed, were helping with schools tours, working on succession planning for families using the *Ties to the Land* program, special forest products investigations, working on tree/plant sales, assisting with research plots, helping neighbors with questions, leadership training, providing information on conservation easements, plant and tree identification, developing computer programs to assist woodland owners with tree inventory and new forest landowners projects.

Each Master Woodland Manager is asked to give back around 80 hours of volunteer service, the same number of hours in the class sessions. If you have an opportunity that needs volunteer help or a project needing more volunteers (piling slash does not count) call Chal Landgren.

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