

Fairgrounds
November 3, 1965

The meeting was called to order by President Lindow at 8:10 P.M.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes as all members had received copies. Mr. Jossy seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. John Lulich, Bob Van Loo, Mrs. Finley, Jessie Jeffries, and Ethel Edwards of the 4-H Leaders Association and Women's Extension met with the board to discuss the drawing up of a lease for the 4-H Dormitory building. Mr. Ray Robinette, Assistant District Attorney, sat in on the meeting as legal counsel for the Fair Board.

The original rules that were presented to the Board, dated July 27, 1964 were read and discussed.

Mr. Robinette advised the board to make a resolution, not a lease, regarding the building and give copies to the other organizations. Mr. Jossy made a motion to abide by this. Mr. Weible seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Robinette will draw up a resolution.

Mr. Lulich reported has has been a total of \$8,222.44 put into the building as of this date. That is total cash, not including the donations, discounts, and volunteer help.

Mr. Gardner made a motion that the Fair Board release this information to the papers to clear up any misunderstanding that might have arisen in regard to the Port of Portland taking part of the fairgrounds. Mr. Weible seconded. Motion carried. Copy of News Release attached.

Mr. Robinette was asked to advise the board on the Kartway lease since Mr. Cavender has no insurance covering the karts and he may operate during the winter months if he so desires. Mr. Robinette stated the board was within it's rights to cancel the lease under this provision and the building and gate should be padlocked and written notice sent Mr. Cavender. Mr. Gardner made a motion to cancel the lease due to no insurance coverage, the condition of the rest rooms and surrounding area which is covered in articles V, Xiii, and XVIII. Mr. Jossy seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Weible reported on the first meeting held by the Rodeo Committee. They are planning a tour of arenas in the area on November 14 and hope to be able to present plans to the Fair Board at the December meeting. The rodeo would be amateur, held on Friday and Saturday nights. The Junior Rodeo sponsored by the Sheriff's Posse in June would be held in the area, pending permission from the Fair Board. He stated he has received many offers of help from interested people.

The possibility of raising the cost of season passes to \$1.50 or \$2.00 was discussed. No action taken.

Mr. Thomas asked the board to consider making more room for Commercial exhibits. Interest is developing and there is no more room. He suggested erecting a building to house the flower show, grange booths, and farm crops. This could be a very simple but effective building. The Home Economics could be placed in the Hobby Hall and the north end of the building put into commercial booths. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Weible stated they had talked to Tektronix and Sawyers and they felt they would come out with an exhibit, but at the present time there is no room for large displays such as these two would have.

Mr. Jossy stated he would like to see lights placed around the show rings.

Letters from the City of Hillsboro to the Port of Portland and Mrs. Joann Burton were read.

~~The board agreed that xxxxxxxx~~

The following bills were presented for payment:

- #1121 - Forest Grove National Bankd - 5,086.66^m
- #1122 - Premium Account - 2400.00^m
- #1123 - Merrill's Coffee Shop - 6.90^m
- #1124 - Portland General Electric - 33.15^m
- #1125 - West Coast Telephone Co. - 1.47^m
- #1126 - Northwest Natural Gas - 3.73^m
- #1127 - City of Hillsboro Utilities Comm. - 16.00^m
- #1128 - Hillsboro Office Supply - 3.29^m
- #1129 - The Lariat - 12.00^m
- #655 - Betty Shearer - 98.97
- #656 - Leon Thomas - 39.79

Mr. Gardner made a motion that the above bills be paid. Mr. Weible seconded. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Shearer, Sec.



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A Open Letter to the People of Washington County:

In the interest of the general public, we would like to clarify the Washington County Fair Board's position in regard to the request to obtain a portion of the fair property for use by the Hillsboro Airport, now being considered by the City of Hillsboro and the Port of Portland.

To bring the people up to date and re-establish how the county fair grounds were purchased, we go back to 1946 when approximately 84 acres were acquired without any cost to the county or county taxpayers. The fair has been completely built through donations and volunteer support with no taxation from county residents. To operate the fair, we have received from the budget committee of Washington County, annual sums dating back to at least 1941. In addition to this operating money, the State Racing Commission apportions to Washington County Fair, annual funds which have totaled approximately 6 times the amount of the total county allotment.

We feel that it is the obligation of the County Fair Board to promote the county fair and maintain the grounds for the citizens of Washington County and it is the future desire of the Washington County Fair Board to see the fair grounds put to a year round use for the citizens of Washington County as meeting rooms, recreation, display by business and industry, and conventions.

The area in question is not in the clear zones as stated in the papers. We feel the loss of this could limit our expansion in picnic facilities since most of the trees are in our park area. All the trees have been donated and planted in this park by citizens and organizations of the county on a volunteer basis.

We feel that the Washington County Fair Board is in no position to give away a piece of property that is valuable for the expansion and future use that we are striving to put it to, for the good of all Washington County.

Signed - The Washington County Fair Board,

A. W. Lindow, President