

**MINUTES OF FAIR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 1992**

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
Rocky Williams
Kathy Christy
Marla Warren
Ken Leahy

STAFF

Cal Wade
Ron McAuley
Patti Poe
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

Fred Scheller
Linda Saari, FG Times
Barry Hacker

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Thomas at 4:40 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Wade stated that he had some concerns regarding the budget in the payroll area. He will wait and analyze the budget in more detail after the hotel/motel tax payment arrives.

MOTION: MOVED BY KATHY CHRISTY, SECONDED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED.

RODEO BOARD

The board was told how the new appointments would be made for the upcoming year. Those interested in being a member of the rodeo board were asked to take an application and return it to the fair office. Dick Eagle and Wade are going to the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas.

BOOSTERS

Miss Oregon, Sara Lyle, gave a presentation at the last meeting. The Boosters were very impressed with her and pledged some money to help defray some of the costs of her trip to the National Finals. The organization will be selling food during the Exotic Bird and Cat Shows. The Boosters discussed the fair board projects with particular emphasis on the proposed Floral/Storage Building. They are still outraged on the cost of the pop from the fair. An electrical bill of \$1,700 was paid for the stand on the east side of the arena.

FAIRPLEX MARKETING

The RV camping revenues were shown. The three month activity sheet did not reflect shows using the campground. Gravel work will be needed this year to improve the existing sites. To date about \$5,000 has been invested in the fourteen sites. The average capacity over a weekend is 8 - 9. Monthly RV reports will be analyzed over the course of a year to determine if additional sites are needed.

The weekend of November 7 & 8 the FairPlex will be the location for the Exotic Bird, Orchid Society, and Black Powder Shows. Every Husband's Nightmare Bazaar will open in mid November.

MAINTENANCE

The office floor was repaired to bring the building up to commercial code. Jim Jordan, electrician, is working on electrical specs. Electrical panel lockout devices were installed to meet OSHA requirements and fans in the Poultry/Rabbit barn were installed. The storage season for boats and RV's started.

USA

Unified Sewerage Agency had proposed a recycled wastewater project for irrigation. The FairPlex had signed a letter of intent to participate. USA has now found that the treated wastewater is a higher quality than previously thought and can now proceed to develop a program for the community based on a supply and demand basis. Christy would like to find out how much the water will cost.

FLORAL BUILDING

Ruth Berger and Bev Seibel, Floral Superintendents, met with McAuley and Oxendine to discuss the plans for the building. Berger and Seibel offered to go to Partin & Hill, local architects, to ask if they would assist in the design of an entrance to a pole barn structure and the ventilation and other entrances. Jim Partin has offered to do the design work at a maximum cost of \$500. Board members concurred that this was very reasonable and gave the go ahead to continue the discussions. McAuley and Oxendine will meet with Partin, Seibel, and Berger. The \$500 would be included within the proposed budgeted amount.

LANDSCAPE PLAN

McAuley needs to get back with George Otten regarding the landscape plan. The FairPlex has acquired a number of donated plants and trees and McAuley would like some direction before planting them, and also direction for future plantings. Williams would like to see some type of green hedge behind the bleachers and along the north side of the rodeo pasture and also along the fence line of the maintenance area. McAuley would like to add additional permanent benches and walkways throughout the grounds. He would like to have a line item for landscaping and a multi-year plan.

Scheller suggested working with the Boosters on the labor and donations of plants. The Booster members could also present the project to the service clubs.

The RV sites are another area needing landscaping.

Christy suggested that board members and Boosters take a tour of the grounds to become thoroughly acquainted with the FairPlex and its needs.

RODEO BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Dick Eagle and Wade are going to the Rodeo Convention and Finals. Eagle should have the official title of Chairman of the Rodeo Board prior to the trip. Other rodeo board members will be selected at the January Fair Board meeting. They will be selected from applications received. A public announcement of the vacancies will be made.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY KATHY CHRISTY, TO APPOINT DICK EAGLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RODEO BOARD.

Warren asked if Eagle has completed an application. One will be requested.

QUESTION: MOTION PASSED. WILLIAMS ABSTAINED.

MERIT RATING

It's a Gold! The 1992 Fair was judged a gold medallion fair and award-

ed a point total two higher than in 1991. Wade and Oxendine are both pleased but see a great room for improvement.

OFA CONVENTION

The annual convention will be held at the Lloyd Center Red Lion December 12 - 14. Board members interested in attending were asked to get their reservations to Oxendine by November 20.

EXTENSION MOVE TO FAIRPLEX

The cost to fix the existing building is astronomical. The County does not have the funds to fix the building and must move the Extension Service soon. The County has suggested the FairPlex as the new home for the Extension Service.

Wade met with Commissioner Hays, Doug Olson, and Marge Braker of the Extension Service. He made it clear that there is no room available at the present time. The County is now looking at a temporary location with a long range plan to build at the FairPlex.

Wade suggested that possibly the FairPlex could get the County to buy the Gardner-Beedon property or build a new office to house both the FairPlex and Extension staffs.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AWARD

The FairPlex has received two awards. A community support award from the Hillsboro Chamber and one from the Hillsboro Police Department for the FairPlex's contribution to the community.

A Beautification Award will be awarded to the FairPlex at the Chamber Forum November 17. This award being given mainly for the flowers planted in the main gate and office areas.

FAIR BOARD APPLICATIONS

Williams' term expires December 31, 1992. The County Commissioners will publish the notice of vacancy in November. Applications will be due mid December and a new board member chosen in December to begin January 1, 1993. According to the County's records the appointment will be made out of Steve Larrance's district.

FIELD TRIP FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Christy asked Leahy when he would be available to take a tour of the FairPlex. All board members would like to be included and take along a copy of the Master Plan. Board members agreed to meet one hour earlier at the January meeting to take a tour.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Fair Board meeting will take place January 6, 1993 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Sue Oxendine
Secretary