

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING AT EAST JR. HIGH - OCTOBER 24, 1973

CALLED TO ORDER  
AND ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Marion Heinrich, President of the 4-H Leaders Assn. of Washington County called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. with approximately 150 leaders in attendance.

FAIR BOARD ATTENDED AS GUESTS

Dick Jossy  
Jim Springer  
Joe VanDyke  
Earl Adams  
Adeline Hesse

4-H BUSINESS MEETING

A short business meeting was conducted and at 8:20 p.m. Dick Jossy, Fair Manager, was introduced and in turn presented the Fair Board Members.

Jossy gave a brief summary of some present activities the Fair was involved in. 1. Negotiations with the Port of Portland. 2. Portland Community College interest in having the Fair move to it's Rock Creek Campus (Fair Board is not interested in moving to Rock Creek or any other site.) 3. Reported that the sewer system was in for the 1973 Fair. 4. Negotiations with the City of Hillsboro for a long term lease on 14 acres for Park and Recreation facilities. The indebtedness of the Fair for sewer connection (\$22,000) and the possibility of joint use and an outlet for drainage of the fairgrounds. 5. Development of a new long range plan for the fairgrounds.

After saying the 4-H and FFA programs in the County were the backbone of the Fair, Jossy entertained questions from the group.

First questions pertained to the funding of County Fairs. Mr. Jossy explained allocation and distribution of Pari-mutual racing funds.

LIVESTOCK ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. Paul Robinson, representing the Livestock Advisory Board made three recommendations for Capital improvements

1. North ring should be enlarged to facilitate large animal classes.
2. Portable pig stanchion for swine show.
3. More seating capacity for the Prime Stock sale.

4-H GROWTH RATE

Mr. Nort Sherwood asked for growth rate in 4-H over the past years. Miss Cecilia Heulett gave the following figures: Entrants in the fair for 1969: 945; 1970: 1,050; 1971: 1,015; 1972: 1,056. Leaders noted that the biggest growth rate has come in Horse Projects. Which also indicated that other aspects of the 4-H program are on a decline.

4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD

Mrs. Juanita Luke, representing the Horse Advisory Board, read a list of recommendations for improvement of present horse facilities.

1. Old stalls need repairs - or portable horse stalls will have to be furnished.
2. The stalls need eye bolts.
3. Need locked tack rooms.
4. The present horse barn should be extended to protect the horse from adverse weather conditions.
5. Need better sanitation facilities.
6. Additional water faucets.
7. Full time first aid prior to the Fair.
8. Fire extinguishers in all the horse facilities.
9. Better parking.

Mrs. Luke said a five-year plan and goal is to have the Expo Center become a reality. Mrs. Luke also said, unless better facilities become available, 4-H Members would not bring their horses to the Fair.

INTRODUCTION OF  
LLOYD BARON

Mrs. Sally Goodman, 4-H extension agent introduced to the group Mr. Lloyd Baron, Staff Chairman of the Washington County Extension Service. Mr. Baron encouraged the Fair Board to continue soliciting for Federal Revenue sharing money and to have a report for justification of such funds. The Group was advised that the Fair Board is meeting with the Commissioners and is working toward receiving funding for Capital improvements at the fairgrounds.

FAIR DATES

Jossy asked for comments on having the 1974 Fair run from Wednesday through Sunday. Comments were favorable and staggering of livestock release were favored as they had worked out well for the 1973 Fair.

SUGGESTIONS ASKED  
FOR IN WRITING

The Board asked that suggestions for the Fair be written down and presented to the Board for study and guidance in long range planning of future 4-H Capital Improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 p.m., Mrs. Heinrich adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Adeline Hesse, Office Manager  
Washington County Fair