

M I N U T E S

Washington County Fair Board

Minutes of a special meeting of the Washington County Fair Board held October 27, 1981, in the Fairgrounds office beginning at 4:30 p.m.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>Fair Board</u>	<u>Director &amp; Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
	Jerry Boyer	Adeline Hesse	Rocky Williams, Rodeo Committee
	Charles Colegrove	Valerie Bentley	Jane Davis, Rodeo Committee
	Agnes DeLashmutt		
	Jerry Pflug		
	Mike Swan		

**FAIR THEME** The Board discussed the 18 themes included on the agenda. Colegrove suggested "Fun Times" and "Fun Fair."

**MOTION:** MOVED BY MIKE SWAN, SECONDED BY AGNES DELASHMUTT TO ADOPT "FAMILY AF-FAIR" AS THE 1982 WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR THEME. MOTION CARRIED.

**FAIR FORMAT** The Wednesday evening Destruction Derby during the fair ran until 11 p.m. this year. The concessions, carnival and commercial exhibitors felt the crowd did not get back on to the grounds early enough. Several ideas were suggested at a Destruction Derby Committee meeting held several weeks ago. The Board could limit the number of cars participating, which may cause a public relations problem with drivers. The Board could change the Destruction derby format so as to shorten the event enough to conclude at 9:30 p.m. Or the Board could change the day of the derby during the fair.

The Board felt holding the Destruction Derby without another event - such as the fair - would not draw a large enough crowd. Two of the drawbacks of a Wednesday derby are removing the logs and leaving metal in the arena for the rodeo performances the next evening. Maybe a 4-wheel drive pulling contest would be suitable for a Wednesday evening performance.

The Board realized the hard work and dedication of the Destruction Derby and Rodeo Committees. The Destruction Derby Committee would be offended if the Board decided to hire a contractor to run the event. The Board felt two derbies in a year is adequate. The third derby held on Labor Day weekend this year was just asking too much of the volunteers and families.

The Rodeo Committee would like to continue with four performances again in 1982. This was the second year of four performances and there is growth potential. Kids and elderly people can see a daytime rodeo. Are there enough cowboys for four performances? Rocky Williams explained the split of the rodeo association did effect the number of cowboys, but there are still enough participants. The effect will not be as great this year. Also the economic times are keeping the cowboys from traveling as much.

If the derby format stayed the same, the number of cars could be limited using a first come, first served basis. Or the best cars from the July 4 derby would participate in the fair derby. Many drivers could be alienated by limiting the number of cars. Whether the derby runs for one hour or four hours, the same number of volunteers are needed.

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Moving the rodeo to Wednesday, Thursday, Friday so the derby could be held on Saturday evening would not work out. Davis said most cowboys hold regular jobs and could not come that early in the week. Most of the cowboys would be local and this is limited.

This seems to be a no-win situation. The rodeo seems to be more fair oriented than the destruction derby, but it takes two night rodeo performances to equal the revenue from one destruction derby.

Pflug said three derbies a year is over done, and the Board needs to compare the expenses and revenue. He felt if one derby needed to be excluded, Joel Lewellen would prefer to give up the one during the fair.

Hesse reported Lincoln County Fair lost about \$3,000 on their 4-wheel driver pulling contest run by Dave Matthews. The Board reviewed the positive attendance and financial impact the derby has had on the Wednesday of the fair during the last several years. They decided to continue a Wednesday derby and rodeo performances on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday.

MOTION: MOVED BY AGNES DELASHMUTT, SECONDED BY MIKE SWAN TO CONTINUE A WEDNESDAY EVENING DESTRUCTION DERBY WHICH WILL CONCLUDE BY 9 P.M. WITH THE DETAILS FOR FOLLOWING THE TIME LIMIT TO BE WORKED OUT IN COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.

Hesse will present some proposals to the Board for Tuesday evening fair entertainment.

#### RODEO

Rocky Williams and Jane Davis of the Rodeo Committee brought several concerns to the Board. First, they have a continuous problem with people sneaking in through the cowboy entry gate. A uniformed officer at the gate would help the situation. The Board suggested Rocky check with Hillsboro Police Chief Woll, who is an advisory Rodeo Board member. Second, the cowboys would like passes which would admit their dependents. The number of dependents will be listed on each cowboy's association card. The cowboys are very good about policing the stock area. The Board agreed to try family passes for the cowboys for 1982. Third, the Rodeo budget must be submitted by January 6, 1982. Fourth, the committee apologized for not including the "fair" on the court's serapes. This will not happen in 1982. There will be three girls and an alternate on the rodeo court, but the alternate will not be outfitted unless she actually participates. Hesse reminded the group that \$750 is the total budget allowance from fair funds for the court. B J Clausen is the new chairman of the Rodeo Committee. The Board thanked Williams and Davis for attending the meeting.

#### CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Board reviewed the capital outlay as budgeted for 1981-82. The architect's estimate for renovating and constructing the 4-H Building is \$102,000--that is \$21,000 over budget. The Board discussed several courses of action and decided to freeze all capital outlay expenditures until the bids come in for the 4-H Building making completion of the building a priority.

MOTION: MOVED BY JERRY PFLUG, SECONDED BY AGNES DELASHMUTT TO FREEZE ALL CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES UNTIL AFTER THE BIDS ARE IN FOR THE 4-H BUILDING. MOTION CARRIED.

Hesse pointed out the importance of finishing the building this year as the hotel/motel tax may not be approved by voters in November 1982, making those funds unavailable to the fairgrounds.

The Board directed Hesse to get an expert evaluation of the grandstand-area electrical panel. The panel needs to be updated. Depending on the situation, money may be used from contingency to make the panel fully functional. P.G.E. may be able to send someone for an evaluation. Hesse will report on progress at the next meeting.

Lyle Spiesschaert gave Hesse a list of improvements deemed top priority by the 4-H people. First, he wanted the wash rack issue resolved - horses using the rack as well as livestock. The Board pointed out the Livestock Association paid for and built the wash rack; therefore, the washrack should be used for livestock. Horses to use the rack only when livestock is not on the grounds.

MOTION: MOVED BY MIKE SWAN, SECONDED BY AGNES DELASHMUTT TO COOPERATE WITH THE 4-H HORSE LEADERS ASSOCIATION SHOULD THEY PROPOSE TO DESIGN AND FUND A WASH RACK FOR HORSE USE. MOTION CARRIED.

Second, Spiesschaert felt the manure dumping situation should be improved. The Board is willing to make improvements and will solicit Spiesschaert's ideas and suggestions for improvements.

Third, there is a lot of standing water around the barns and show rings. Maintenance Supervisor Russ Dyché should be able to update the water lines in those areas.

Fourth, the 4-H swine people would like a covered show ring built between the open class barn and swine barn. As capital outlay is now dedicated to finishing the 4-H Building, the 4-H swine people may be interested in funding such a project. Spiesschaert mentioned several other items that will be included in regular fairgrounds maintenance.

BOOSTERS

The Boosters requested a list of priorities from the Fair Board, so they can begin planning the 1982 work season. The Board directed Hesse to compile a list of unfunded projects for the Boosters. Booster Chairman Wally Crawford would like to put a cement floor in the concession stand. The Board felt a cement floor would not allow the building to be moved if necessary in the future.

NEXT  
MEETING

The next regular Fair Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 4, 1981, at the fairgrounds office beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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## AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1981

FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE - 4:30 P.M.

1. August 10-14, 1982, Fair Format. For your information enclosed are past attendance records and Wednesday hillites since the beginning of the destruction derby.
2. Choose 1982 fair theme.
  1. Your Best Choice
  2. Family A-Fair
  3. Remember When
  4. Your A-Fair
  5. Growing, Preparing, Sharing
  6. Grow a Show
  7. Grass Roots County Fair
  8. A Few of My Favorite Things
  9. Days to Remember
  10. Homemade & Handy
  11. Summer A-Fair
  12. Fun for Everyone
  13. Take the Fair to Heart
  14. Home Sweet Home
  15. The Joys of Summer
  16. Happiness Is
  17. Cherish the Land
  18. Proud Moments
  19. Other suggestions welcome
3. Capital Outlay. Enclosed capital outlay budget for 1981-82 and expenditures to date.

If you are unable to attend or will be late,  
please call 648-1416.

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