

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR BOARD

M I N U T E S

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Washington County Fair Board, held Wednesday, September 3, 1986, at the fairgrounds, beginning at 4:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Fair Board

Lloyd Baron
Jeanne Leeson
John Meek
Homer Speer

Staff

Cal Wade
Ron McAuley
Jamie Hammack

Guests

Rocky Williams
Jack & Addie Fisher

PUBLIC WELCOME

Baron welcomed those in attendance and invited them to speak on agenda topics throughout the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Wade presented board members with a year end financial review and updated financial report.

MOTION: MOVED BY HOMER SPEER, SECONDED BY JOHN MEEK, TO APPROVE THE BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL, JUNE 1986 FINANCIAL RECAP, JULY 1986 FINANCIAL RECAP, JULY 2, 1986 FAIR BOARD MINUTES, JULY 1986 OFF-SEASON CALENDAR, AUGUST 1986 OFF-SEASON CALENDAR, SEPTEMBER 1986 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR, AND CORRESPONDENCE SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOOSTERS

Wade reported the Boosters met August 12, 1986. They netted approximately \$3,000 from the concession stand fair week. Speer noted it was an upbeat meeting and the group is doing good work.

RODEO BOARD

Rocky Williams, Rodeo Board Chairman, reported their Board met August 3, 1986 and critiqued their rodeo performances. Their main concern is the entertainment between events. They would like to obtain a good contract act, such as a trick rider.

Their next meeting is September 8th and they'll be discussing drainage of the arena.

Speer complimented the Rodeo Board on the great dance in the arena and felt it should be repeated in 1987.

Williams also reported Power Rents and General Motors were very happy with their sponsorship.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

McAuley reported August projects were: Eagle Scout painted Beef/Dairy Barn and FFA Barn for project, and Booster Concession Stand was painted. Crew has mainly been completing fair clean-up.

September projects: Prepare and secure Poultry/Rabbit Building and FFA Barn for R.V. storage, prepare ground for seeding and get flag pole in place.

Baron inquired about wear and tear on poultry cages. McAuley advised the cages had been stored in the Poultry/Rabbit Building at Dick Lewis' request and recommendation.

PLANNING SESSION

A recap of the Planning Session at Timothy Lake will be provided to board members.

MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING

SERA Architects' study indicated a remodel of the existing Main Exhibit Building would cost approximately \$25 per square foot and a new building \$35 per square foot for a 25,000 square foot building. Wade suggested some modifications to the building, such as weatherization, removal of the wall between the north and center sections, and some patch work to the floor.

The Hallmark Inn has already expressed a strong interest in the building with these suggested improvements.

MOTION: MOVED BY HOMER SPEER, SECONDED BY JOHN MEEK TO INSTRUCT WADE TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING COST ESTIMATES FOR REPAIR TO THE MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MERIT RATE

Board members reviewed the material submitted to the County Fair Commission for the 1986 Merit Rate report.

EXHIBITOR RECAP

A recap of Open Class exhibitors and exhibits was provided to the board. It reported the department and number of exhibitors and entries in comparison to the past 5 years.

DESTRUCTION DERBY

A copy of a protest letter from the August 3 race was provided to members of the board. The Derby Committee agreed with the decision made on race day, but will be rewriting the rule involved. The Derby Committee also voted not to have a September 6th race. However, the committee is willing to put on a 1986 season. Several letters from drivers were submitted to Wade, expressing to continue the races at the fairgrounds.

BLOCK GRANT

Wade met with Jean Harrison concerning the block grants for handicap access to the Grandstands and Cloverleaf Building and Main Exhibit Building restrooms. The board discussed a lift for the grandstand that could be reused should a new facility be constructed along with some other alternatives. Wade contacted SERA and they are willing to assist Wade on these projects.

BANK ACCOUNT

Hammack gave an inventory and value of checks and the cost of printing new checks.

MOTION: MOVED BY JEANNE LEESON, SECONDED BY HOMER SPEER TO CHANGE THE CHECKING ACCOUNT FROM FIRST INTERSTATE BANK TO VALLEY NATIONAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PAINTING

Wade recommended staff keep painting the fairground buildings. Staff has made a request from State Surplus for large quantities of paint for the interior of the Main Exhibit Building. The paint for the other buildings will be purchased locally, at the normal discounted rate.

RESIGNATION

MOTION: MOVED BY JOHN MEEK, SECONDED BY HOMER SPEER TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM MARGARET SPRECHER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HALLMARK

The Hallmark Inn is presently working with the fairgrounds for an event in 1989. They recently catered a function at the Cloverleaf Building and there appears to be a good working relationship building for the future.

PIT AREA

Wade advised the board of a problem we'll experience with drainage in the event we do not level the pit area. Drainage work is planned for the arena, so the area leveled could be sloped towards the arena. Ken Leahy estimated it would be roughly \$4,000 - \$5,000 for the project.

MOTION: MOVED BY JEANNE LEESON, SECONDED BY HOMER SPEER TO AUTHORIZE WADE TO CONTACT KEN LEAHY AND ARRANGE TO CORRECT THE EXISTING PROBLEM IN THE PIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R.V. SITES

Wade recommended the area for R.V. sites be farmed; turned over, smoothed, and seeded.

MOTION: MOVED BY HOMER SPEER, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO PREPARE R.V. SITES BY FARMING THE AREA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A fence and the possibility of getting some of the work donated were also suggested.

FAIR CAMPING

Wade recommended appointing a small task force to develop policies and procedures for the youth camp area. Wade suggested the Fair Board require the policies include; pre-registration, \$5 charge per night, and adult supervision. Funds raised from the camp sites will be used towards security to patrol the area.

MOTION: MOVED BY HOMER SPEER, SECONDED BY JOHN MEEK, TO APPOINT A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP POLICIES CONCERNING YOUTH CAMPING, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE PRE-REGISTRATION, \$5 CHARGE PER NIGHT, AND ADULT SUPERVISION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meek wanted to convey to the Task Force and youth participating in the camping program that security will be offered and that the Fair Board has goals towards making improvements to the camping area.

R.V. SITES

Wade indicated he would be researching and developing more information for off-season R.V. sites.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

Improving the quality of commercial booths was discussed by the board. Members were asked to be thinking of ways to improve the booths. Staff will also continue to research.

R.V. STORAGE

The maintenance staff is preparing for R.V. storage by securing the Poultry/Rabbit Building and FFA Barn. Rates were reviewed and staff recommended customers pay the season minimum with reservations to eliminate no-shows.

MOTION: MOVED BY JOHN MEEK, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO CONTINUE WITH THE RATE OF \$1.25 PER FOOT PER MONTH WITH A \$70 SEASON MINIMUM TO BE PAID UPON APPLICATION, FOR THE 1986-87 STORAGE SEASON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

'87 FAIR DATES

MOTION: MOVED BY JOHN MEEK, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON TO SET THE 1986 FAIR DATES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 28 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LAND PRODUCTS

Board members recognized this department needs work to increase participation during fair. Some ideas were presented for classes and location of the department.

INSURANCE

The County has decided to self insure, which will affect the fairgrounds.

Wade will meet with Risk Management next week to discuss liability and liquor liability coverage. John Meek and Jeanne Leeson indicated they were interested in attending the meeting.

AREA I MEETING

Wade attended the Area I meeting held at the State Fairgrounds in Salem. He met the group preparing the Economic Study. Wade also noted we should review our premium book rules, contract regulations, and develop policy concerning petitioners and passing out literature.

NAME THE PIG CONTEST

The Boosters selected "W.C. HOGG" as the name for the Washington County Fair pig logo. The winner of the trip for two to Hawaii was Dorothy Snook.

THANK-YOU

Jack and Addie Fisher submitted a thank-you letter to board members for the lifetime passes.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 1, 1986, at the fairgrounds, 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Hammack, Secretary