

M I N U T E S
Washington County Fair Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Washington County Fair Board held Thursday, August 12, 1982, during the county fair beginning at 10:25 a.m.

ATTENDANCE	<u>Fair Board</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guest</u>
	Charles Colegrove	Adeline Hesse	"Jiggs" Fisk, Merit Rater
	John Love	Valerie Bentley	
	Margaret Sprecher		
	Mike Swan		
	Homer Speer, absent		

Merit Rater "Jiggs" Fisk used a tape recorder to note his observations and impressions of the fair and fairgrounds. (Attached are Bentley's notes on the recording.) Fisk enjoyed the fair and commented that most county fairs have been cut out of county budgets and will be depending more on donations and volunteers. Fisk is on his way to Coos County Fair. The Board thanked Mr. Fisk for attending the meeting.

Tiz Walker is handling all restroom maintenance during the fair. She will attend tomorrow's meeting to share some of her concerns about our restroom facilities.

The maintenance crew did a good job this morning sweeping mud and water off the asphalt roadway. There is one maintenance person on duty in front of the shop in order to keep unauthorized persons out.

4-H Extension Agent Lyle Spiesschaert has expressed concern about dual usage of the tent near the Poultry/Rabbit Barn. Besides small livestock the Hillsboro Rotary uses the tent in the evenings for bingo.

The Junior Queen of the Kitchen will be asked to demonstrate her cake baking skills in the Home Ec Department. Due to some exhibitor concerns about exhibits being displayed after judging, all but one piece of the cake will be on display.

Last night's destruction derby ended at 10:45 p.m. -- too late for people to have a chance to get back out to the other events on the fairgrounds. The destruction derby should end at 9 or 9:30 at the latest.

The Main Exhibit Building will be closed at 11 p.m. unless the commercial exhibitors would agree the lack of people and rain warrant closing the building a little earlier.

Hesse reported the office is running smoothly this year. The cashiers and clerks are doing an excellent job. The fair theme "Family A-Fair" is working out quite well this year.

The hot water heater in the Dairywives booth needed the heating element replaced. The dairywives will be sending the bill to the fairgrounds. As far as Hesse knows the water heater belongs to the dairywives and any repairs should be made by the dairywives.

The disagreement between the implement dealers has been resolved to everyone's satisfaction. Next Fair Board meeting will be Friday, August 13, at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Bentley

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) Notes from Merit Rater "Jiggs" Fisk's tape recording of his visit to the Washington County Fair August 11 & 12, 1982.

Pressed for time, going to Coos County. Tuesday evening, first day of his visit, few irregularities. Good sign to fairgrounds, flags outside. 4-H market class, 13 animals, very good quality, judge decisions, 3 lambs outstanding, grand champion. Two show rings good size, one is bigger, good lights, not much seating, people sitting on the fence in the rain. Feeder classes held inside barn. 4-H/FFA fitting doing own work. Met Greg Johnson 4-H coordinating. Dog show ring is fenced off, many people watching, lots of interest, started good leadership, good show ring. Market steers, 7 in the class, good job showing. Two times more watching dogs than market animals. 4-H market showmanship, 15 head, good class. Class simmentals, 3 in class, lead rope on ground, grand champion and reserve. 4-H livestock barn not as good of light. Rabbits, lots of people, good quality, more seats than spectators.

) Wednesday morning. Lighting good, signs good, good parking lot, 4 entrances-good. Office good location. Information window. Nice signs, ground clean except for mud, totem pole with flowers, first aid station, ambulance, here at all times. Dairy cattle showing, good even open class, dairy barn is busy, busy. Asphalt, good shape in barns, big signs on buildings. Wash rack is not covered. Manure pile. Camping area. Open Class dairy animals. Swine, clean, lot of exhibitors. Two nice horse barns, horses come another time. Entertainment area, not too clean. 4-H wagons, touch 'n see, nice for kids. Commercial display. Large farm equipment display, exhibits well represented, food concession - plenty. 4-H Chuckwagon, St. Matthews, BBQ booth, Kinton Grange. Food all around, all different kinds of foods. Entertainment Friendship Square nice covered building, could use for livestock if necessary. Commercial building and exhibits outside, strong, helps to pay bills. Port of Portland display is good. Historical Society, old jail, cabin, doll collection nice landscaping. Coke truck, Block building, mobile home. Can't find restrooms. Arts & Crafts, kids' crayon corner, grange booths, loud speakers, Scholl's Grange - first. Lots of photos, nice oil paintings, good signs, add to attractiveness, all easy to see, crafts section, decorated attractive, old lumber, nice signs designating classes, wish carry out signs in art section, nicer with lights on, bit dirty at times.

Main Exhibit Building, very well covering county, some tri county, soil conservation service booth, John Deere, hearing tests, army display, Beaverton City, small equipment - Kubota, furniture, PCC, clean and nice, lighting efficient, taxidermy, safety, fair movers sign, leathercraft, commercial well represented, lot to draw from, good cross section.

Home Ec, canning excellent job, very competitive, like them, attractive, cookies, nothing on product, white plates, place settings, Jody Jones first, baked goods, juniors, good signs, wines attractive, cakes/pies show cases, dairywives contest, candy, decorative cakes, theme, canned meat, fish, relishes, dill pickles, judges excellent, good display, good representation, Land products, wet mulch, look fresh and attractive, good competition, fresh berries? - past time? Fruit green, at least grown here. Jar covered with ribbons, honey, talk with Home Ec about ribbons covering jars, nuts, seeds, grains, product uncovered. Tall corn, fleeces good. Hay not displayed.

Textiles, excellently displayed, represented county, nice display, lots of dolls, donated case, sign, people's choice - quilt block. Floral Building custom green house, trees & shrubs, open looking and attractive, fresh paint, good displays. First place -- glads. Best of show, jr. best of show, plenty of room, not crowded, variety, well marked. Nice drinking fountain, nice flowers, near office. Large carnival, pedestrian traffic convenient. Few pot holes & water, money to make improvements.

Adequate parking, Cloverleaf Community Building, dog show, 4-H Family A-Fair, wagon, moving picture with sound attractive, puppy cadets, educational dog booth, garments displayed, fleece good and lots, outdoor challenge, excellent slides, equipment. Land products, not marked, ask open class for suggestions. Well represented county. FFA, samples of hay, grains in sheaves. FFA flowering plants, honey, cone & jar. Missy Solven, dairy display, nice placement. Restrooms, showers not completed. Poultry/Rabbit barn, fairly new building, nice hutch, cleaned up. Lots of competition, rabbits, all breeds, lots. Chicken, ducks. P.G.E. display. Golden Agers enjoyed entertainment. Demo derby - nice arena, old grandstand, adequate for people. Lots of cars in derby. 1:15 p.m. rained lots. Dogs under tent good. Carnival not helped by rain. Horse show, split show. Dairy cattle released - open beef.

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) Friday and Saturday, seem full of activity. Going on to Coos County. Pre-fair material is helpful to rater. Enjoyed fair. Saving money - County Fair Commission. Heavy showers are tough on livestock. Next days look good.

Small things money would help alot -- leadership good, Pot holes, milking parlor. Big picture. Donations will be big things, will have to depend more on free labor. Most county fairs have been cut off.

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