

**FAIR BOARD MINUTES**  
**JUNE 7, 1995**

**FAIR BOARD**

John Thomas  
David Lintz  
George Otten  
Linda Gray  
Ken Leahy

**STAFF**

Cal Wade  
Patti Poe  
Earl Bemis  
Albert Flanagan  
Sue Oxendine

**GUESTS**

Dave Russell  
Fred Boyles

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Wade's updated projection for the year end budget includes income of \$1,536,013; expenses of \$1,346,903; and a cash carry forward of \$189,110. He cautioned that these figures could still change between now and the end of the fiscal.

Projections of income and cash carry forward are up because of an increase in hotel/motel tax, interim rentals, and fair booth rentals.

He reminded the fair board that expenses were up primarily due to SAIF, the ME roof, and Bonnie Hays and Norm Landerman-Moore.

**MOTION: MOVED BY LINDA GRAY, SECONDED BY DAVID LINTZ, TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED.**

**RODEO BOARD**

Fred Boyles reported that two rows of seats remained to put backs on in the grandstand. Seventy gallons of paint have been donated for the grandstand. Board members are re-carpeting the rodeo museum and office. Starting June 19 the new arena paneling will be installed.

Wade commended Boyles for being such an effective leader and getting quality help to complete the projects.

**BOOSTERS**

The Boosters did the food service for the Mustang Car Show. \$780 was made for the day's work. The group is organizing for the air show.

**MARKETING**

Poe reported May to be an okay month. New shows have booked including one from NIKE in the armory. She has been having preliminary conversations with the promoter of Country Music on the Waterfront. He would like to move the event to the Fair Complex in August of 1996. The amphitheater would have to be expanded to 10,000 seats. The months of September and October of 1995 would be the best time to do the work. Leahy estimated 30,000 yards of dirt would be needed.

### **MAINTENANCE**

Albert Flanagan gave this month's report. Earl Bemis and Jerry Wood, a temporary worker, have built stairs at the amphitheater, repaired ticket booths, replaced the gazebo steps and added new benches, repaired the drinking fountains, and replumbed restaurant row.

Mike Wold re-seeded the carnival and commercial area and is working on the new sewage line from the washrack.

Jim Jordan completed the fire truck/water truck and has also been busy with electrical and vehicle repair. Earl Bisbee, another temporary worker, assisted Jordan with the vehicle repair.

Flanagan stated that he has been busy with events as the Fair Complex is becoming busier with the nicer weather.

### **BONNIE HAYS**

Hays joined the meeting late as she had spent the day in Salem talking with the legislators. She presented the funding status report for the proposed Western Regional Conference Center. Rep. Tom Brian has come up with a plan whereby \$2.5 million for the center would be on a "short list" of projects. The agreement was turned down by the Governor because he feels Washington County is not in need of any special funded projects from the state.

Members of Hillsboro and Beaverton Chamber of Commerces called the Governor's office stating support for the project. The result was that our project will remain on the list to be considered in the January Special Session.

Funding would come from excess lottery revenues from the May revised forecast. The excess dollars would first go to higher education priority projects. Depending on the status of the funding of the higher education projects, the "short list" of projects would be funded prior to January 1997 and possibly as early as January 1996 based upon available money which is tied directly to the lottery.

Hays emphasized the need to continue formalizing the support for the center from the eight county region and the rural legislators and secure private pledges of financial support. She also recommends continuing to work on federal funding possibilities and go a head with architectural drawings and engineering design.

Meanwhile she is trying to get a written note or letter of the agreement for the file.

Wade has spoken with Landerman-Moore who also is encouraging the Fair Complex to file an application with the EDA. The Director of the EDA would like an application filed as this might help their cause to stay in existence. If the federal economy takes a nose

dive a public works program would be started which would be timely for the Fair Complex project.

Wade has set up a meeting with Intel June 29 to discuss the project and determine their interest level.

#### **TRI-MET**

Wade received a call from Claudia Purkapile who talked to Ron Higby about setting up a meeting to discuss the communication problems that are arising over the light rail station location. Leahy asked Wade to request a right-of-way alignment map to determine if Eidlin's reason for moving the station further east was legitimate.

The artwork and walkway from the station to the Fair Complex are on hold until the problems are ironed out between the fair board and Tri-Met. Even the artists were not in favor of the station being moved further east.

#### **MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING UPDATE**

Earl Bemis reported on the current status of strengthening the Main Exhibit Building walls. The weakest link in the building is the north dividing wall. The engineer Bemis has been working with approached the City about giving the Fair Complex a permit to just do the inner wall for now. The City is requiring the entire engineering study on the entire building be submitted for approval before granting permits for the work on the inner walls.

Four to five methods of strengthening the walls have been recommended. Bemis is waiting for the costs.

Leahy requested that he be called when the engineer comes out to look at the building.

#### **FAIR UPDATE**

Friday night has finally been booked. Three Dog Night will play two shows which will be free with admission. Exhibitor handbooks are out in various locations. Colleen McNally is working on the Entertainment Guide.

Competition on Friday night will be stiff. BB King is performing at the Jazz Festival and Little River Band at Clark County Fair.

#### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT & DISABLED PERSON POLICY**

Fair staff asked the Fair Board to review the policy regarding the free admission for foreign exchange students and disabled persons to the fair. 394 students were admitted free of charge at last year's fair. Another 290 disabled were admitted free. The policy is to let the foreign exchange students sponsored by an organization, their foreign advisors, and two American advisors into the fair for free. Disabled persons from group homes or agencies and their caregivers are also given free admittance.

Staff is recommending continuing with the free admission for disabled persons and their caregivers. To many, the fair is a purely sensory experience and most are economically disadvantaged.

The staff would like to have the students and advisors pay half price (\$3.00) for those sixteen and over and \$2.00, which is \$1 off the youth price, for those fifteen and under.

**MOTION: MOVED BY GEORGE OTTEN, SECONDED BY LINDA GRAY, TO CONTINUE WITH FREE ADMISSION FOR THE DISABLED WHO ARE ENTERING WITH AN ORGANIZED GROUP, AND CHARGE \$3.00 FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS 16 AND OVER AND THEIR ADVISORS WHEN SPONSORED BY AN ORGANIZATION OR \$2.00 IF THEY ARE FIFTEEN AND UNDER. MOTION PASSED.**

#### **AIR SHOW**

The Air Show is scheduled for July 14, 15, and 16. Help is needed to assist the boosters with ticket selling.

#### **RODEO BOARD OPEN HOUSE**

Boyles invited all fair board members and staff to attend the rodeo board open house, July 8 at 2:00. Rodeo sponsors will also be invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled fair board meeting will be July 5, at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Oxendine  
Secretary