

Minutes of a special minutes held at the fairgrounds  
March 15, 1978.

CALL TO ORDER Fair Board Chairman, Jerry Boyer, brought the meeting to order  
in the Main Exhibit Building at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

FAIR BOARD

Jerry Boyer  
Charles Colegrove  
Jim Springer  
Joe Evers  
Ralph Holland

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Adeline Bosse, Manager  
Lorrie Maki, Secretary

GUESTS

Lucille Warren, THE OREGONIAN  
Lance Mushaw, THE JOURNAL

GUESTS

Larry and Gerrie Markus, NW Mountain Cruisers  
Virgil and Syble Markus, NW Mountain Cruisers, Hillsboro Rotary  
Joseph and Sharal Copenig, NW Mountain Cruisers  
Marty Harlan, NW Mountain Cruisers  
Steve Murray, NW Mountain Cruisers  
Blair, Branda, NW Mountain Cruisers  
Jim Harbour, NW Mountain Cruisers  
Don Copenig, NW Mountain Cruisers  
Hilbert Lardy, Hillsboro Grange  
Clarence and Margaret Rice, Beaverton Grange 324  
Steven M Jensen, Hillsboro  
Wanda Mulholland, Granger, Garden Club, Quilt Club, Pythian Sister,  
Protective Association  
E J Mulholland, Dixie Mountain Grange  
Agnus DeLashmutt, Washington County 4-H Executive Council  
Keith DeLashmutt, Washington County Livestock Assn.  
Marinus E Wolf, Hillsboro Sr. Soccer Club  
Douglas Van Dyke, Terra Trackers 4 x 4 Club  
Gordon Scott, Terra Trackers 4 x 4 Club  
Mark Gardner, Oregon Legislature  
Jerry and Sherry Liesegang, Hillsboro Concerned Citizens  
John Leffel, WCLA - Lamb Show - Open Class Beef Superintendent  
Warren and Juanita Luke, Terra Trackers 4 x 4 Club  
Elmer Wyatt, 4-Wheel Drive Club  
Don Leichtman, Washington County Livestock Assn.  
Hilda Leichtman, 4-H Leader  
Tom Gordon, 4-H  
John Knox, Forest Grove Grange  
William and Esther Hargrove, Forest Grove Grange  
Leonard Luttrell, Scholls Grange  
Dene Mallory, 4-H Leaders Assn.  
Lloyd Baron, Washington County Extension  
Robert Twigg, 4-H  
Sonja Simpson, 4-H  
Robert J. Fussell, 4-H  
Stan Salisbury, Hillsboro Jaycees  
Randy L. Lapo, Hillsboro Jaycees

GUESTS CONTINUED

Johnny Semm, Hillsboro Jaycees  
 Bill Hoslebacher, Hillsboro Active 20/30 Club  
 Bill Kubler, Hillsboro Active 20/30 Club  
 Ken Prickett, Hillsboro Active 20/30 Club  
 Ernest Bennett, Hillsboro Concerned Citizens  
 John C. Leonard, Hillsboro  
 M. J. Weise, Hillsboro.

Fair Board Chairman Jerry Boyer welcomed the guests, asked them to sign names on the guest list and declared the meeting open for questions after each speaker on the agenda.

JOHN LEFFEL  
 7:31 p.m.

Mr. Leffel asked the Fair Board to consider allowing the Tri-County Lambshow, Livestock Assn., and auction committee use of the scales on the fairgrounds. The weigh-ins are a prerequisite of animals being sold at the fair. Mr. Leffel was asked to check with the Fair Office March 16th for an answer.

LARRY MARKUS  
 7:33 p.m.

Mr. Markus, Northwest Mountain Cruisers representative, gave the club's full support in favor of keeping the fairgrounds at the present location, felt it was feasible for this county with some improvements made, and wished the fairgrounds be reopened to paying customers. They can relate to the Fair Board's frustration of trying to keep the fairgrounds going on an inadequate budget. The club encourages the Fair Board to inform the Washington County people of the total picture, one that relates to management of economics and one that provides the total utilization of a year-around activity center. By closing the fairgrounds we could lose total commitment from the community to support a positive proposal to keep the fairgrounds open and available.

The club asked the Fair Board for use of the fairgrounds the eve of March 31st for set-up of their show April 1st.

Jim Springer stated that in the past usage of the fairgrounds has included a set-up and take-down time allotted. Apparently this fact had been overlooked.

MOTION: MOVED BY JIM SPRINGER, SECONDED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE TO SUPPORT LARRY MARKUS' PETITION FOR SET-UP TIME THE EVE OF MARCH 31st FOR THE NORTHWEST MOUNTAIN CRUISER CLUB. MOTION CARRIED

STAN SALISBURY  
 7:39 p.m.

Stan Salisbury introduced 1977 chairman of Hillsboro Happy Days and member of Hillsboro Jaycees, Al Young.

The Board was asked by Mr. Young to reconsider the fairgrounds not being used by outsider groups and that the groups be considered on an individual basis.

The Hillsboro Jaycees proposal for Happy Days use of the fairgrounds was presented to the Fair Board.

## AL YOUNG CONT. 'What the Hillsboro Jaycees will do'

- \*Clean up Exhibition Building
- \*Clean up the Floral Area
- \*Clean up the Arena & Concession Area (if used)
- \*Clean the 4-H & Exp Building & Restrooms
- \*Clean the tables & benches (that we use)
- \*Pay for all the electricity except \$100.00 per month
- \*Pay for the garbage service
- \*We will pay for the paper products used
- \*\$500.00 for expense incurred for the time and items consumed such as light bulbs, water, etc. and for time attributed to salaried Fair Employees
- \*\$1,750.00 for Saturday, June 22nd - July 9th

Mr. Young said the Jaycees could secure the use of the Armory because the fairgrounds is no longer using it and run an event compatible with the Fair, i.e., swap meet, bingo.

Ralph Holland questioned the use of the armory the Jaycees intended and if access to the armory would be allowed by the Fair Board.

Mr. Springer related that by State law, Chapter 565, 565.610 the Fair Board can control the use of the armory for two days prior and two days subsequent to the County Fair. Therefore, the Jaycees need not be concerned about armory usage conflicting with the Fair.

Mr. Boyer and Mr. Young attended a morning meeting organized by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce of all the service clubs in the area March 15th. Mr. Young discussed facts that two uses and concerns should be directed toward the fairgrounds, (1) 4-H and all agricultural interests in the county and (2) fairground usage as a multi-purpose off-season facility. The two areas must be clearly defined and mutually beneficial - the basis of the two uses and spelled out.

The Fair Board agreed to take the Hillsboro Happy Days proposal under advisement. The fairgrounds presently remains closed because of lack of operating funds and community input is much needed to reveal county feeling. The Happy Days proposal is also a lower dollar figure than last year,

Mr. Young felt that the fairgrounds management was not expending an extra manpower and dollar effort of any appreciable amount to ready the fairgrounds for Fair after their use.

Fair Manager estimated a cost of at least \$2,000 over and above regular budget, because of the short period of time between the two event, i.e., manpower must be increased to prepare the fairgrounds for the County Fair. And, of course, the fee paid by Happy Days for grounds usage does not represent full reimbursement of cost to Fair Board.

AL YOUNG CONT. Bill Kubler, Active 20/30 Club, questioned if \$2,000 figure was a fixed or variable expense over and above fair budget.

Chairman Boyer explained that because the County Fair preparation had to be 'last minute' to put in the proper facilities the figure was over and above regular expense.

Mr. Springer commented at least on advisory personnel and seven extra people had to be hired last year.

A decision will be given the Happy Days committee in seven days or March 22. A meeting to decide the proposals for fairgrounds usage was set for March 22 at 8:00 p.m.

DOUG VAN DYKE  
8:06 p.m.

Doug Van Dyke, Terra Trackers 4x4 Club, introduced Mark Gardner Oregon State Representative for Hillsboro. Mr. Gardner, after attending the Oregon Fairs Assn. convention, felt that it would be possible for him to work for legislation to reapportion the distribution of State funds for more support of the Fair. He felt the closing of the fairgrounds was drastic and speaking for the Terra Trackers, wanted the Fair Board to know they were relying on a verbal commitment for use of the fairgrounds. A contract had not been signed, because fair management had been too busy. Trophies, insurance, and advertising had been ordered.

Terra Trackers requires usage Saturday and Sunday May 27 and 28. There is no other play day spot for that weekend. Mr. Holland was told that people attend from Washington, Oregon and Idaho. This would be the fifth year they have used this location. It is a non-profit organization and contributes monies to charity. Mr. Colegrove was informed that the initial contact had been made in late fall and in January, 1978.

Mr. Boyer said the matter would be taken under advisement and at the March 22 meeting a decision will be made. A copy of the Fair Board meeting agendas will be sent to Mark Gardner, per his request.

Gordon Scott commented that in the past the club has not cost the Fair Board any out of the pocket expense and in fact has graded the gravel roads at the end of their function.

Virgil Markus indicated that four wheel drive shows are important in that they return proceeds to the community in support of charities. Approximately \$50,000 was donated last year.

Chairman Boyer pointed to the fact that the fairgrounds, too, is a non-profit organization and gets no donations. Why are the fairgrounds taken for granted?

DOUG VAN DYKE CONT. It was agreed that people should be made aware of the non-profit situation and become involved in the support of the fair.

SONJA SIMPSON 8:21 p.m. 4-H Chairperson Sonja Simpson presented a list of considerations to the Fair Board to keep lines of communication open.

- \* As 4-H is a federal department it is unable to support the Fair. However, 4-H members, as private citizens, can do whatever they deem necessary.
- \* It was rumored that 4-H must obtain its own insurance coverage. The Fair Board instructed that the insurance coverage is and will be provided by the Board.
- \* Does the Board of County Commissioners have the fairgrounds sold? 4-H is concerned about the Chuck Wagon, and Rabbit/Poultry building. A task force appointed by the Fair Board comprised of 4-H, open class exhibitors solicited improvements for the Rabbit/Poultry building the Fair Board constructed in 1977. If sold, the 4-H would like to be considered in the salvage or reimbursement.

The audience expressed concern about the rumor of a sale. The Fair Board unanimously opposes the sale of the Washington County Fairgrounds. If it were sold - it is felt that the County should have a moral responsibility to provide funds for relocation of the fair. However, at this time, there are no indications that those funds are earmarked in this way.

- \* Could the 4-H set up a budget committee to allot the 4-H funds as they see necessary, i.e., drop premium money and spend more on ribbons and quality judging.

Jim Springer felt that the fairgrounds was part of 4-H life line. The 4-H children helped build the buildings and taking away of premiums is not the place to trim dollars. 4-Hers have personal expenses and spend many hours on their project. They deserve awards, if they are merited.

Board Chairman asked for 4-H parents in the audience for their input.

Leonard Luttrell, felt that ribbons were more important than a premium award.

Dene Mallory agreed it was important to kids to see what they will take home. Quality judges are very necessary. The premiums are small.

Agnes DeLashmutt said that the kids go through the Fair book to add up what they will receive and look forward to that time.

Gordon Litner felt that the ribbons and trophies were most important.

Clarence Rice felt that 4-H and Fair helped to make productive citizens. He along with five other strangers represented at this meeting and 4-H parents feel those kids are entitled to a fair.

SONJA SIMPSON  
CONT.

Warren Luke stated it would be terribly disappointing if the fair closed. Probably 50% for ribbons only and 50% for premiums too. Premiums were welcome to help the out-of-pocket expense.

Don Leitchman thought that all the 4-H kids would gladly donate their premium monies just to keep the fair open.

Bob Fussell asked, if the .0000425 mill, levied by County Commissioners without voter approval, monies has been give to the fair.

Fair Board has not received those monies. County has the authority to levy for fair activities, if they want to. The .0000425 mill money must come from dollars County receives and must be within the 6% limitation.

Fair Manager and Joe Evers stated that the Fair Board has been trying to receive those monies for 21 years.

Joe Copening said the County is collecting within the 6% limitation.

Don Copening asks 'Why don't we get it?'

Fair Board agrees those dollars would balance the budget.

Marinus Wolf commented that attendance at the Fair Board meetings would be a good time to exchange ideas between county citizens and Board. Chairman stated time of meetings is in public media and visitors have always been welcome.

Mr. Rice asked what are other Counties doing in the way of dollar support for their fairs. Are those Fair Boards receiving money to operate efficiently and build necessary spaces?

Fair Board answer was yes they are.

Last thought from Mrs. Simpson, are the list of 4-H activities submitted to the Board including the Horse Fair part of the County Fair?

Mr. Springer answered that the reason for a separate 4-H Horse Fair is because of limited space and the large size of the Horse Fair requires it be run several days in advance to make room for the remaining Fair activities.

JOHN LEONARD  
8:50 p.m.

John Leonard introduced Ron Weise, who in turn requested the Board to consider his leasing the fairgrounds from December 3 to 23, 1978 for \$2,500 rental fee plus utilities. He would put in approximately 100 booths in the main exhibit building to rent to Oregon arts and crafts people to vend their products.

Mr. Evers pointed out the poor heating and the recreational vehicle use of the building during that time of year.

PON WEISE  
CONT.

Fair Manager Hesse added that when the rains come, the booth occupants and their wares are going to be very uncomfortable with rain slipping down on them.

John Leonard had hoped to put together this year to provide Oregon handmade Christmas gifts for people to purchase here in the county.

Chairman Boyer advised the proposal will be taken under consideration at the meeting on March 22. A decision will probably be made in the next few weeks.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

MOTION: MOVED BY CHARLES COLEMAN, SECONDED BY JIM SPRINGER TO APPROVE THE MARCH 1st MEETING'S MINUTES AS PRINTED AND MAILED. MOTION CARRIED.

Audience is directed by Chairman Boyer they are welcome to stay, if they have more input.

KEN PRICKETT

For seven years the Active 20/30 Club has used the fairgrounds to hold the annual Haunted Caves. Preparation and event is held last two weeks in October. Dollars are donated to Childrens Heart Fund. They also have the reader board and recycle center. Mr. Prickett asked the Fair Board to consider their use of the facility.

The Fair Board agreed to take the matter under advisement. Discussion will continue at the March 22 meeting.

AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION

Bob Twigg inquired about the meeting with the Board of County Commissioners. He was informed that the meeting is public and it is the right and duty of those interested in voicing their opinion to come and do so.

Virgil Markus indicated that the NW Mountain Cruisers have dollars allotted toward initiating to circulate a petition to get signatures for a voter approval of a fairground re-election. They need a figure from the Board of cost to run the Fair for five years and make necessary repairs and improvement.

The Board agreed to give the necessary figures for the Club to continue their endeavor. It was felt that the people need to know the hard facts - the fair is in jeopardy.

Mr. Springer commented that a \$325.00 per day amount is needed to operate the fairgrounds today. Do we want to update or be self-sufficient? Input is very much needed from the County citizens, so that the proper steps can be taken. Voters have a voice and must use it.

Ken Prickett wondered how much it does cost to keep the facility as it sits in a useable manner. He commented that the .0000425 mill should be allotted to the fair and if not, why not?

Al Young asked Mark Gardner if the people can mandate through a referendum the 6% limitation spending - Can we tell the County Commissioners how to spend those dollars?

AUDIENCE Mr. Gardner answered the people cannot bind the County Commissioners in that way. However, the State can tell the County how to spend those monies.  
PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Clarence Rice felt that many people were not well informed of the issues at the polls. The new multi-purpose building frightened people away. People read the ballot in voters booths and were not prepared to vote. Perhaps had it been a measure for drainage and repairs to buildings only, the measure could have been affirmatively considered on the spot in the voters booth and passed. She requested that better information and education of voters be provided, especially in the eastern part of the county, where they are overshadowed with Multnomah County affairs.

It was agreed that if nothing else, voters must realize the gravity of the fairgrounds situation and be given the options they have to consider in clear and concise facts. Of course, voter education is a monumental task, but must be faced with positive action. All interested in saving the fair must become involved.

The Fair Manager and Fair Board was invited along with anyone else interested to come to the Granger meeting March 31st at Oddfellows Hall - 7:30 p.m. to talk about saving the fair.

Larry Markus said that the .0000425 mill, of course, is not near enough to bring the deteriorating building into shape.

Ron Weise asked where are the 1,700 grangers and 2,000 to 3,000 4-H members, families and leaders? Let them be heard.

Mr. Boyer stated that because of the bad condition of the facility, it is now time to play catch up.

Leonard Luttrell was not in favor of the convention center because the idea of making it pay didn't seem realistic.

Agnes DeLashmutt was advised that the signatures on the petitions were not due at the April 5 meeting with the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Boyer added that approximately 4,500 signatures are needed as 10% cannot be validated. July 7th is the petition filing date. Letters can be placed on file now with the Fair Board or Board of County Commissioners as to voter opinions.

Larry Markus stated there will be a meeting to prepare for proposal presentation April 5th. The meeting is March 28, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Jim Springer requested a 10 minute recess.



RECONVENED MEETING Chairman Boyer reconvened meeting in main exhibit building at 9:32. Because of the cold temperature in the building, it was decided to move to the smaller fair office.

At 9:38 meeting was brought back to order.

APPROVAL OF BILLS The following bills were submitted for approval:

1141	Butcher's Bistro	11.50
1142	Void	
1143	H A Mohr & Asso.	6.00
1144	San Jose Steel Co. Inc.	137.00
1145	Petty Cash	21.74
1146	Dolores Maki	26.00
1147	Robert Gamel	10.00
1148	Baker Rock Crushing Co. Inc.	114.24
1149	Pool-Gardner Lumber	39.69
1150	Kentucky Fried Chicken	15.66
1151	First National Bank	163.10
1152	Precision Dynamics Corp	111.00
1153	Hillsboro Argus	3.70
1154	Washington County Central Services	41.15
1155	Northwest Natural Gas	68.70
1156	Portland General Electric	310.42
1157	Asso. Janitor and Paper Supply	25.00

MOTION: MOVED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE AND SECONDED BY RALPH HOLLANE TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS READ AND SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE The Fair Board acknowledged a letter from Marinus E Wolf stating his ideas for fairground usage.

MEDICINE SHOW Joan Krahmer, The Washington County Mental Health Program, requested permission to present a medicine show in the rodeo arena. It would be a light touch relating mental health attitudes. They requested a single Saturday presentation. There would be no expense to the Fair Board.

MOTION: MOVED BY JIM SPRINGER AND SECONDED BY JOE EVERS TO ALLOW THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM A SINGLE SATURDAY PRODUCTION IN THE STAGE AREA WITHIN THE FAIR MANAGER'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS TIME FRAME. MOTION CARRIED.

USE OF FAIR-GROUNDS The Community Garden project will have to be considered at a later meeting. The International Timber Fair was booked into Clackamas County Fairgrounds.

FRED MEYER MEETING Jim Springer and Ken Lewis, Rodeo Chairman, met with the Senior Advertising man for Fred Meyer. Fred Meyer would like to sponsor the rodeo and fair. They would advertise entire fair and rodeo dates with their day in darker figures; they would give discount tickets to be turned in at fair gate; the advertising would be in all newspapers including Oregonian, Valley Times, etc., the public address would announce the fair activities every ½ hour for shopper interest in Fred Meyer.

- FRED MEYER MEETING CONT. A meeting is scheduled to again discuss the possibility of Fred Meyer sponsorship. A Fair Board member or manager and Ken Lewis will be present. Friday would be a day to complete along with a 7:00 p.m. cut-off time for coupon validating.
- CHUCKWAGON The Chuckwagon utility fee is to be charged for fiscal year July 1, 1978-79.
- EXPO FUND Fair Board recognizes Horse funds are in the account and the direction as to how the fund shall be spent.
- FEBRUARY FINANCIAL RE-CAP Mr. Springer advised Larry Markus that in the past the Fair Board has put up personal financial statements for operation of the fairgrounds. This Fair Board will not do that. Fair must stand on its own.
- After budget discussion, the following motion was passed:
- MOTION: MOVED BY RALPH HOLLAND AND SECONDED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE TO SUBMIT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR BUDGET FOR 1978-79 TO THE COUNTY AS AMENDED. EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,880, INCOME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,301. MOTION CARRIED. (To balance \$15,579 drainage funds account will be used)
- 4-H FAIR USAGE MOTION: RALPH HOLLAND MOVED AND JIM SPRINGER SECONDED TO ALLOW REGULAR 4-H, FFA PREFAIR USAGE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR-GROUNDS UP TO AND INCLUDING THE FAIR DATES. MOTION CARRIED.
- MEETING SET Next special meeting will be held March 22 at 8:00 p.m. to evaluate the proposals of the Hillsboro Jaycess, Active 20/30 Club, Terra Trackers, and John Leonard/Ron Weise.
- MANURA HAULING The Fair Manager mentioned there is no available persons to haul manure for Fair 53. If there are suggestions, please contact the fair office.
- ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Maki, Secretary

# Fair 53

1978 FAIR AUGUST 1-5

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR  
P.O. BOX 115 - TEL. 648-1416  
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Washington County Fair  
Proposed Agenda for Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 1978  
7:30 p.m.

1. Guests - Regarding use of the fairgrounds:
  - 7:30 Larry Markus, Northwest Mountain Cruisers (usage Mar. 31)
  - 7:50 Stan Salisbury, Hillsboro Jaycees
  - 8:00 Doug Van Dyke, Terra Trackers
  - 8:10 Sonja Simpson, - 4-H Chairperson
  - 8:25 John Leonard, - December use of fairgrounds
  - 8:35 Mark Gardner, - State Representative
2. Approval of minutes March 1, 1978
3. Reading of bills for approval
4. Correspondence from Marinus Wolf (enclosed for your information)
5. Tabled March 1, 1978 meeting:
  - Use of property for Hillsboro Community Gardens  
International Timber Fair, October, 1978
6. Report from Springer on Fred Meyer meeting
7. Is the Chuck Wagon utility fee to be charged for fiscal year 1977-78 or 1978-79?
8. Expo fund status
9. February monthly financial review (Financial study on impact of closing the fairgrounds.)
10. Final budget review