

M I N U T E S  
Washington County Fair Board

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Washington County Fair Board held March 4, 1981, in the Fairgrounds office beginning at 4:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Fair Board

Jerry Boyer  
Charles Colegrove  
Agnes DeLashmutt  
Jerry Pflug  
Mike Swan

Guests

Gene Seibel, Rodeo Committee  
Joel Lewellen, Destruction Derby Comm.  
Charles Wade, City of Hillsboro  
Ken Rushing, Terra Trackers  
Fred Boyles, Rodeo Committee

Director & Staff

Adeline Hesse, Valerie Bentley

BLEACHERS

At the Board's February meeting Bob Kirkland, Rodeo Committee, suggested placing the new set of bleachers just to the south of the grandstand. The Board and guests walked out to the arena to make a decision about the bleachers. Gene Seibel told the Board that a work crew of Rodeo Committee members and corrections people will be tearing out the old chutes on the south end of the arena March 14 & 21. The crew will salvage all the wood possible. The Committee also plans to move the big gate to the center of the south end which will not interfere with the bleachers.

Placing the bleachers just south of the grandstand instead of right of the new chutes will allow better crowd control, a better view for spectators, and will be safer. Portland Community College will be building new roping chutes in April. The group agreed to add as much extra length as possible to the arena when the old chutes are removed.

Joel Lewellen, Destruction Derby Committee, said the plans would not interfere with destruction derby operations. He suggested widening the southeast gate to 12 feet to make it easier for cars to exit the arena.

Eventually, there will be bleacher seating all around the arena. The Board agreed to place the new bleachers on the south side of the grandstand. All agreed this would be the best site. The present gate will be moved to the center. The group agreed any smaller gate would not meet arena needs. The bleachers are 54 feet wide and 15 rows high. There will be enough room to add another set of bleachers in the future.

RODEO  
UPDATE

Gene Seibel reported the Committee has signed a contract with Mert Hunkins for a four performance rodeo costing \$7,100 including announcer. The rodeo will be Oregon Rodeo Association approved but not Northwest Rodeo Association approved. Since N.R.A. will allow cowboys to cross over this year, there should be plenty of participation. The 1981 entry fee will be \$40 to meet O.R.A. standards.

The Rodeo Court requested a dance for Saturday night of Fair. Since the Fair Board puts on a dance, the Rodeo Court will be introduced at the dance.

The Rodeo Committee is thinking about having a banner made for east county advertising. Hesse showed Mr. Seibel the list of current advertising spots, and he agreed an additional banner would only duplicate existing advertising. The Committee will soon be contacting businesses and schools with reader boards to help in advertising.

The Rodeo Court will be riding in the Forest Grove Gay 90's parade Saturday, March 7. Seibel reported outfitting the Court this year is much more expensive than 1980. BJ's Western Store has given discounts to the Court. The Committee has budgeted \$250 to outfit each girl.

The rodeo will start at 7:30 p.m. for evening performances this year instead of 8 p.m. The Board thanked Mr. Seibel for attending the meeting.

**DESTRUCTION  
DERBY**

Joel Lewellen, Chairman, Destruction Derby Committee, reported that last year's drivers were sent a letter and a questionnaire about the rules and regulations and the possibility of having three races in 1981. So far response is positive for a third derby. The third derby will be held Labor Day weekend, September 5. It will be an afternoon show. The types of events may be changed this year.

Jerry Pflug feels the Destruction Derby rules have been perfected. The Destruction Derbies should run smoothly this year. The Committee will be selecting trophies soon. Hesse will get an estimate from the company she orders ribbons from. Lewellen suggested getting a different style trophy than previously used.

MOTION: MOVED BY JERRY PFLUG, SECONDED BY MIKE SWAN TO HOLD THREE DESTRUCTION DERBIES IN 1981 -- JULY 4 RACING AT 4 P.M., AUGUST 12 RACING AT 7 P.M., SEPTEMBER 5 RACING AT 4 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Lewellen feels placing the bleachers just to the south of the grandstand is the best choice. The Destruction Derby Committee will help assemble the bleachers. The Board thanked Mr. Lewellen for attending the meeting.

**SEWER  
EASEMENT**

Charles Wade, City of Hillsboro engineer, presented plans for a storm sewer line which will service the 25th Avenue project and Intel. The City is requesting a 20 foot permanent easement ten feet on each side of the storm sewer line and a construction easement for a total width of 60 feet. A cost estimate for the storm sewer is \$440,000 with no cost to the Fair Board. Trees removed or destroyed would be replaced with 5 foot nursery stock. Easement purchase price of \$1 per lineal foot for a total of \$1,204 to be paid. Work scheduled to begin in June.

Wade explained the location for the line was chosen because of difficulties and high cost of running the line on the north side of Cornell or down the middle of Cornell Road. It would also be too expensive to run the line on the backside of the fairgrounds. The line is placed past an existing gas and water line on the fairgrounds. Several years ago the Fair Board gave a permanent easement to the City for the water line. Adding the new easement would mean approximately 60 feet of the fairgrounds frontage would be unbuildable. The Board is concerned with this as they are considering some development in the future.

The Board pointed out to Wade that the storm sewer would run along another 770 feet of fairgrounds property than the City had figured. The Board asked Wade to check into this. The Board is also concerned with the scheduled work time, paving or building on the easement, and the amount offered for payment.

Wade said there is not enough room within the existing easement to add the storm sewer. Board feels they have a lot at stake if they need to get City consent to build or pave on the easement. Wade felt sure the paving part could be deleted from the contract.

Considering the commercial value of the property, Boyer felt the \$1 per lineal foot offered was a bit unreasonable. Wade said this is only a proposal and that the amount can be negotiated.

The Board would not consider construction until after the County Fair. Wade said the contract could be changed so the fairground section could be delayed until then. The Board would like to have the line built as close to the existing water line as possible. Wade said the only section that could be moved in closer is the section along the curve in Cornell.

Wade will take the Board's concerns to the City and get back in touch with Director Hesse. The Board will delay any decision until they have studied all aspects of the storm sewer easement. Wade will be included on the April agenda.

TERRA  
TRACKERS

Ken Rushing representing the Terra Trackers addressed the Board concerning Wes Hebron's letter to the "Hillsboro Argus." The letter stated the fairgrounds had forced the Terra Trackers to cancel their annual race event by asking an outrageous rental fee. Rushing reported Mr. Hebron was speaking on his own and not for the Club. The members had decided to take a year off from the event and the additional \$50 rental fee for 1981 made no difference.

In 1980 the Terra Trackers rented the fairgrounds for \$650. They charged \$18 for a person to race, \$10 to camp, and \$3 for the weekend for spectators. The Terra Trackers has some one handle a food concession and beer concession -- reported earnings to the Trackers was \$100. Hesse pointed out a beer concession would make much more than \$100 and suggested the Terra Trackers may want to check into their earnings.

The Board told Rushing that while the Terra Trackers were feeling economic difficulties, the fairgrounds also has the same difficulties. Some of the membership wondered why such a high rent for unused land. Since the County supported the fairgrounds with \$2,550 this year, it is necessary for all users to help support the County Fairgrounds. The Terra Trackers were considering asking for a reduction of rent in exchange for services. The reduction would need to be about \$200 to help the Club defray costs.

The Board asked the Terra Trackers to send a reply to the "Argus" to set the record straight. Rushing will report to the Club Thursday evening. The Board realizes a good relationship is a two way street. The fairgrounds could not function without groups such as the Terra Trackers. The fairgrounds would not be usable for anyone if there was no rent to maintain the grounds.

Rushing offered the group's help to tear out the old rodeo chutes. Hesse thanked him, but arrangements have already been made with another volunteer group. Hesse will keep the Terra Trackers in mind

when help is needed around the fairgrounds. Unfortunately, the Fair Board does not have the financial resources to purchase material for jobs when labor is volunteered.

The Board thanked Mr. Rushing for attending the meeting and will look forward to a positive statement in the "Argus."

CONSENT  
AGENDA

MOTION: MOVED BY MIKE SWAN, SECONDED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 4, 1981, MINUTES; THE BILLS AS SUBMITTED; AND THE FINANCIAL RECAP FOR JANUARY 1981. MOTION CARRIED. Bills listed on Page 5.

LONG RANGE  
DEV. COMM.

The Board discussed the letter from the Chamber of Commerce Long Range Development Committee. After meeting with the Board on January 7, Grant Johnson called on Jerry Boyer as he was concerned he left some bad feelings. The Fair Board feels the Committee does not represent the Chamber of Commerce but individual interests of members.

The Board acknowledged the letter and directed Hesse to respond to the Committee that like other groups in the community, they will be kept informed of the Board's activities concerning development at appropriate times.

INSURANCE

The Board has received two bills for liability insurance. Marge Post wrote informing the Board there was no written or oral agreement that the county would pay this insurance. Hesse responded with a statement from the 1980-81 approved budget that "The County pays for the insurance for the 84 acre site, which includes 23 buildings."

Hesse reported that at the budget meeting today, Marge Post said she had made a mistake and the insurance bill will be taken care of.

DAIRY DEPT.

Paul Lindow is moving and has resigned as Open Class Dairy Superintendent. Mike Jensen has volunteered to fill the vacancy.

MOTION: MOVED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE, SECONDED BY JERRY PFLUG TO REGRETFULLY ACCEPT PAUL LINDOW'S RESIGNATION AND TO GLADLY ACCEPT MIKE JENSEN'S OFFER TO SERVE AS OPEN CLASS DAIRY SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED.

DONATIONS

The Board noted donations during January. Hesse reported the Plumbing Inspector has been on the fairgrounds, and the Board will be required to take out a permit for the plumbing improvements to the horse barn area. The permit will cost \$60. Following are the January donations.

Horse barn waterline improvement project: Whitehead Excavating - backhoe & labor; Gene Van Koll - plumbing labor representing the Forest Grove Ranch Riders; Prier Wholesale Plumbing - 420' of 2", 160' of 1", and 80' of 3/4" plastic pipe and all fittings, wholesale value over \$500; McCormack Pipe Company - 12" drainlines and concrete cover for shut-off valves.

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BILLS	2863 Petty Cash	23.50	2875 Petty Cash	20.26
	2864 Hillsboro Utilities	192.00	2876 Dancing Dragon	26.00
	2865 Hillsboro Farm Equip	7.90	2877 Hillsboro Auto Parts	45.23
	2866 J. Thayer	14.46	2878 Grove Loggers Supply	49.45
	2867 Valerie Bentley	28.34	2879 Hillsboro Implement	8.23
	2868 Hillsboro Argus	4.70	2880 General Telephone	113.50
	2869 Ireland's Hardware	24.42	2881 Void	
	2870 Hillsboro Argus	116.65	2882 PGE	181.56
	2871 Ben Faber Electric	6.19	2883 Northwest Natural Gas	54.02
	2872 Alice N. Pohl	4.00	2884 Finance & Adm.	3,775.00
	2873 Postmaster	86.00	2885 Mike Scott	6.00
	2874 Christy's Deli	11.70	2886 Petty Cash	23.71

GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

Hesse has been working with a local bank to sponsor name entertainment for opening day of Fair; however, the bank has decided the sponsorship is not economically feasible at this time. Hesse has contacted George Horner to schedule a draft horse show for grandstand entertainment Tuesday, August 11. The cost of the show will be about \$1,000.

Hesse also proposed a "Pay One Price Day" for August 11. A family ticket would cost \$5 and a ride bracelet would also cost \$5. The "Pay One Price Day" will help draw people as there will be no "name" entertainment in the grandstand that evening.

MOTION: MOVED BY MIKE SWAN, SECONDED BY JERRY PFLUG TO HAVE A "PAY ONE PRICE DAY" OPENING DAY OF FAIR, AUGUST 11. FAMILY TICKET COSTING \$5 AND A RIDE BRACELET ALSO COSTING \$5. MOTION CARRIED.

ADVERTISING

The Board noted Joan Erwert's progress report on Premium Book advertising. Total sales to date are \$4,400. Erwert has set a minimum goal of \$5000. She reports the Board has received a commitment from Intel to sponsor \$900 toward the cost of printing an 8 page souvenir program for the Fair.

BOOSTERS

Mr. Colegrove reported the Boosters have decided not to move the grandstand concession a quarter turn. The Club plans to tear the building down, salvage good lumber, and reconstruct as feasible. They are also looking into purchasing a new steel building to replace the concession.

The Boosters reviewed a letter they drafted to the Board of Commissioners concerning the Board's request for a 1 percent hotel/motel tax to be dedicated to the fairgrounds. They also reviewed a letter drafted to the City of Hillsboro supporting the Board's request for a comprehensive zone change for a portion of the fairgrounds.

The Boosters have donated \$500 to put a pipe down to the drain tiles and a drain grate to improve drainage at the north entrance to the fairgrounds. The Boosters raised \$10,000 last year.

MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

Swan reported that the Proposed Agricultural Center Committee has met several times. George Horner was elected chairman at the last meeting. The Committee's goal is to acquire adequate funds to build an Agricultural Center on the fairgrounds. It would be a modular building with the main section to be 250' x 350' including a clear span section 150' x 220' with a dirt floor. Additional features would be 4 to 6 classrooms that will open up to seat 200 people, restrooms, office, concession area, small kitchen, roll-up bleacher seating for 3,500, an area for 400 portable box stalls, parking lot, drainage, sewer, landscape, and site preparation. Swan read a list of potential uses. Estimated cost is \$2.3 million. Possible sources of funding include agriculture, timber, and education.

Commissioner Warren will be taking this information to Senator Hatfield on her upcoming trip to Washington D.C. The County will be hiring a grant writer (who will be able to help the Committee) if the budget passes March 31.

PEPSI

Maury Wagner, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Portland, wrote to clarify Pepsi's bid for exclusive product rights at the 1981 Fair. Pepsi agreed to have a man on duty until 9 p.m. each day. Distribution of ice, billing and collecting will be Sheila Welton's, 4-H Chuckwagon, responsibility. Financial arrangement will be between Welton and the Beverage Ice Company of Portland. Pepsi will also provide 20 cases of canned beverage for "Kid's Day."

Swan is concerned about having adequate power to put in an additional 20 amp circuit for the ice trailer. The maintenance staff will look into the problem.

POLICE

Hesse reported that a Hood River policeman is living on the fairgrounds. He is participating in a program with the Hillsboro Police Department in their dog training program. The Board agreed the added protection will greatly benefit the fairgrounds.

CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST

The Board noted that Mary Starrett and Ron Carlson of Channel 2's Faces & Places have agreed to judge the 1981 Chocolate Cake Contest, August 15.

COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS

Commercial exhibitor contracts for 1981 have been mailed. Signed contracts are to be returned to the fairgrounds office by March 18.

ROOFING/ EXPO

Hesse reported no correspondence was available on either the roofing matter or the expo fund from County Counsel for the meeting. The Board reviewed the letter from Tony Knight. Knight reported his observations about the quality of workmanship and the materials used to re-roof the Main Exhibit Building. A copy of Knight's letter has been sent to County Counsel. Director Hesse will report further developments at the next meeting.

LIVESTOCK BARN

Colegrove, Hesse and Ray Wold, Washington County Senior Building inspector, took the livestock barn plans submitted by Beaver State Corp., to architect Donald Alexander to have the plans redesigned to

match the existing livestock barn. Alexander moved the doors, aisles, specified actual gauge of metal, and designed all trusses to be 4' apart. The new barn will have to be built farther away from the existing barn than the Board had hoped, in order to meet code and because of the existing milking parlor.

Hesse felt the Board may have to wait another year to build the barn because of the cost of the project. The Board instructed Hesse to begin the competitive bidding process.

**BUDGET**

Colegrove, Boyer and Hesse attended the first public budget hearing March 4 at 10 a.m. at the Courthouse. The Commissioners decided the Board could bring the hotel/motel tax to the vote of the people. Although the Commissioners have the authority to enact the tax by ordinance, they could not justify it because there are other worthwhile programs that also need extra revenue. Hesse feels the Board can sell the proposal for a "user" tax to the people if done properly. The hotel/motel tax will not tax the people of Washington County.

Hesse reported that the revenue portion of the fairgrounds budget was not included in the 1981-82 proposed County budget. Hesse assembled packets to be delivered to the Budget Committee members and the Board of Commissioners containing the complete budget and additional pertinent information. Hesse could not tell if the packets were delivered.

Finance & Administration changed our budget to read \$22,117 instead of our requested \$26,000 for OPE. The Department did not consult Hesse concerning the change. Hesse recalculated and found her figures to be accurate.

\$23,384 will be required for OPE plus a margin of \$2,616 for unemployment and possible change in salary schedule. (On March 9 Mary Reagan, Finance & Administration, and Hesse decided to allocate \$4,000 from the County for insurance and a total of \$25,000 for OPE. Total required from County for fy 1981-82 is \$29,000.)

County Commissioners and Budget Committee have requested all general fund recipients to cut 32 percent from their request to project what services will be cut if the March 31 levy fails.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHANGE** The Comprehensive Plan Change hearing for 8.5 acres of fairgrounds property will be Tuesday, March 10, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. at Hillsboro City Hall. Pflug and Colegrove will speak for the Board. Hesse urged all members to attend.

**BEER CONCESSION** MOTION: MOVED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE, SECONDED BY MIKE SWAN TO OPERATE A BEER CONCESSION DURING THE EVENING GRANDSTAND PERFORMANCE EACH NIGHT OF THE FAIR. MOTION CARRIED.

**BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL** Don McCoun, KUIK, talked with Director Hesse about the rental fees for the fairgrounds. Hesse's main concern is Mr. McCoun wants to handle the beer concession instead of the Boosters. The Boosters ran the concession when no one else wanted it, and now they depend on the project. If McCoun let's the Boosters continue with the concession, he wants more say about where improvements will be made.

The Board felt that would be fine; the fairgrounds will still be benefiting from the revenue. After McCoun talked with Hesse, he called on Chairman Boyer to discuss the rental fees. Boyer will set up a meeting for Hesse and himself to meet with McCoun.

**NEXT MEETING** The next regular Fair Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 1981, at the Fairgrounds office beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Bentley



A G E N D A

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR BOARD  
Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 4, 1981  
Fairgrounds Office 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Welcome. This time is provided for members of the audience to comment on any item(s) on the agenda prior to the Board's discussion and decision. It is respectfully requested that those addressing the Board state their name for the record.

4:30 p.m. - Gene Seibel, Rodeo Committee. Walking tour of grandstand area regarding placement of new bleacher seating.  
4:45 p.m. - Rodeo update  
5:00 p.m. - Joel Lewellen, Destruction Derby update  
5:20 p.m. - Charles Wade, City of Hillsboro Project engineer, concerning storm sewer easement (correspondence enclosed).

- \*3. Minutes from February 4, 1981, meeting for approval.
- \*4. Bills for approval (enclosed).
- \*5. Financial recap for January 1981 (enclosed).

MOTION: MOVE THAT ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BE ADOPTED.

6. Correspondence: (1) Letter from February 4 agenda held over - Chamber of Commerce Long Range Development Committee, (2) Letter from Marge Post, Director, Finance & Administration, regarding insurance, also Hesse's response.
7. Paul Lindow is moving and has resigned as Open Class Dairy Superintendent. Mike Jensen has volunteered to fill the position.

MOTION: THE FAIR BOARD ACCEPTS THE OFFER OF MIKE JENSEN TO SERVE AS OPEN CLASS DAIRY SUPERINTENDENT FOR 1981.

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9. Report on grandstand entertainment format (information & correspondence from Bob Fah enclosed).
10. Update advertising sales and premium book (Erwert letter enclosed).
11. Report on Booster meeting from Mr. Colegrove.
12. Report on multi-purpose facility from Mike Swan.
13. Letter from Pepsi to clarify the proposal (enclosed).
14. Mary Starrett and Ron Carlson, KATU Channel 2, have agreed to judge the Chocolate Cake Contest August 15.
15. Commercial contract status - mailed out approximately 110 contracts.
16. Legal activity - Expo Fund and Roofing (enclosed).
17. Review latest blue prints for proposed livestock barn.
18. 1981-82 budget update. The first public budget hearing is March 4, 10 a.m., Fourth Floor at the Courthouse. All Board members should attend the hearing.
19. Comprehensive Zone Change hearing Tuesday, March 10, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. at Hillsboro City Hall. Pflug and Colegrove will be Board spokesmen.
20. Next Fair Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 1, 1981, at 4:30 p.m. in the Fairgrounds office.

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