

FAIR BOARD MINUTES
MAY 12, 1993

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
Marla Warren
Dave Lintz
George Otten
Ken Leahy

STAFF

Cal Wade
Ron McAuley
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

Don Whitaker
Chuck Richards

The public was welcomed and the meeting called to order by Chairman John Thomas at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Whitaker was asked if he would like to address the board.

Whitaker proceeded to give each member a letter and photocopy of an assumed business name registration claiming he is the legal owner of the assumed business name "Washington County FairPlex". In his letter he is demanding the FairPlex eliminate any use of the name on signs, advertising, telephone listings, bank accounts, and other documentation.

Wade said he will look in to the matter and respond back to Whitaker by May 31.

CONSENT AGENDA

Wade presented a budget summary. Fiscal year end income projection is for \$1,384,485 and projected expenses \$1,119,493. The expenses include capital expenditures to date. These figures compare with budgeted income of \$1,294,000 and budgeted expenses of \$1,294,000.

The floral building is still incomplete and exact expenditures for the work are not yet known. The estimate for all the work on the building, including electrical and air conditioning, is approximately \$30,000. To complete the electrical work on the grounds will take approximately \$20,000.

Wade is hopeful the Boosters will pick up \$5,000 of the bill for the Chuckwagon remodeling. The total amount for the remodeling is approximately \$7,500.

The board briefly discussed the air conditioning bids received by McAuley. Rite-Way submitted a low bid of \$10,475 to install a new 7 1/2 ton unit to run in tandem with the existing unit. Leahy suggested talking with Wilfert Sheetmetal for their opinion on a split system air conditioning.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY KEN LEAHY, TO PASS THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RODEO BOARD

Marla Warren reported the board meeting was well attended. George Kneese has met with McAuley regarding the grounds. The VIP booth stairs need to be replaced but at this late date can not be done

by this year's rodeo without volunteer help and material donations. McAuley said they will patch the stairs this year.

The rodeo board wants to host a Public Official Night with the mayor, County Commissioners, and other officials from the county. A hospitality tent will be erected near the rodeo office for contestants and sponsors.

The Special Kids' Rodeo will be held Saturday, July 31 from 11 a.m. to noon followed by a barbecue for the children. Another barbecue will be held later in the day for contestants, sponsors, and invited guests.

A dinner for sponsors will be held June 24 at Chaps 'n' Spurs. Sponsorships to date include two \$10,000 sponsors for added money, five \$5,000 sponsors for added money, seven \$750 sponsors for miscellaneous expenses, \$3,000 from Centerville toward added money, and \$300 from Tech. NIKE has also donated T-shirts and other merchandise for the Special Kids' Rodeo.

MARKETING

Wade reported that usage was down the month of April due to weather conditions affecting arena use.

MAINTENANCE

April projects included replacing lights in the beef/dairy barn. The old Floral Building lights were recycled to the barn. Other projects included installing the walk-in cooler in the Chuckwagon, rewiring the Chuckwagon, and painting the livestock panels and one tow motor. The vent and exhaust system for the grill in the Chuckwagon are being installed and a firewall built for behind the grill.

Thomas asked that the irrigation be started before the ground dries out and the grass turns brown.

HAPPY DAYS

Ron Burback of Funtastic is organizing and running the event. His rent for the facilities has been reduced for the first year. The event will be called Happy Days, a name registered by the Chamber of Commerce.

Wade stated the only interest the city has expressed in the event is the fireworks. Burback is looking for sponsors for the fireworks.

MASTER PLAN

A meeting has been scheduled with the County Commissioners May 25 at 11:00 a.m. for a walk through of the FairPlex and discussion of the Master Plan.

Prior to the meeting Lintz asked that he be sent a complete Master Plan with exhibits included. Draggoo will be contacted.

PRE SCHOOL

pre school at the FairPlex. Wade also talked with a couple of other insurance companies and they too don't foresee a problem.

The pre school has a \$1,000,000 insurance policy in force which would show the FairPlex as additional insured.

The potential income is \$8,000 per year. The downside to the proposed three year lease is the conflict with the FairPlex mission to provide a multiple use facility for the citizens of Washington County. A one year lease with an option would be a better alternative.

The board discussed the minimum time frame for a notice and reviewed the proposal terms regarding usage Monday through Friday for pre school and Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday usage for FairPlex events.

MOTION: MOVED BY KEN LEAHY TO GIVE THE PRE SCHOOL A ONE YEAR LEASE WITH NINETY DAY NOTICE AND OPTION TO RENEW AT THE END OF ONE YEAR.

Discussion: Lintz and Otten felt the ninety days was not fair to the preschool. Board members agreed that six months would be better.

Otten also asked about the rate of renewal. Wade requested that the staff be able to work out the details.

AMENDED MOTION: MOVED BY KEN LEAHY, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, TO GIVE THE PRE SCHOOL A ONE YEAR LEASE WITH A SIX MONTH NOTICE AND OPTION TO RENEW AT THE END OF ONE YEAR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BINGO

Chuck Richards with Oregon Sports Trust has been talking with Wade and Patti Poe about the possibility of starting a one night a week bingo session in the Arts & Crafts Building. Richards is involved with Sunset Bingo which is a fund raiser for many sports teams in the area. Richards would like to see the Main Pavilion built which would allow another arena for various sporting events such as volleyball tournaments and wrestling matches to take place.

Richards presented the history of Sunset Bingo and explained its ties with amateur athletics. Richards is proposing that the FairPlex take over one night a week at Sunset Bingo beginning in June and ending September 1 at which time the Arts & Crafts Building would be ready to open Tuesday evenings for bingo.

Estimated start up costs for the FairPlex bingo are \$15,000. This includes equipment, smoke eaters, and video machines for the Arts & Crafts Building. Richards is estimating the FairPlex will net \$5,000 per month during the summer months at the Friday night bingo sessions at Sunset Bingo. This would offset the start up costs. An added advantage to this is the opportunity to train

the FairPlex bingo manager. Mike McNulty has been approached by Poe about managing. He has managed bingo games in the past.

Sunset Bingo would help market the FairPlex bingo games. The FairPlex will need to handle its own liability insurance, workman's compensation., and pay the Sunset Bingo staff for the Friday night games.

MOTION: MOVED BY GEORGE OTTEN, SECONDED BY DAVE LINTZ, TO TRY BINGO AT SUNSET BINGO FOR THREE MONTHS TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROCEEDING WITH IT IN SEPTEMBER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

The annual banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26. Wade asked all members to RSVP by the end of the week.

AG TOUR

The Ag Tour sponsored by the Forest Grove and Hillsboro Chambers is June 26 from noon to 7 p.m.

SENATE BILL 183

Wade thinks the bill will die in committee which should release the funding for at least two more years.

GARDNER-BEEDON

The FairPlex has been approached about renewing the lease with the option to buy the twelve acres. The board discussed the link between light rail, the property, and the FairPlex. The original option of \$450,000 was set in 1990.

Leahy and Lintz would like to review the option and agreement.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Oxendine
Secretary