

MEETING OF THE BOARD, LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, JUNE 8, 1972
 The following minutes of the meeting of the Lincoln County Fair Board were taken by Board member Roberta Archer, acting as secretary in the absence of a regular secretary-treasurer, although she did not sign them. They were read and acted upon as indicated below. dw

June 8, 1972

Members present: Donna Christensen,
 John Wagner, Donita, Roberta Archer &
 R.M. Platts. ^{Les Wilcox} Verna Johns attended

John Wagner motion to accept resignation
 of Sec. Tre. Verna Johns. Seconded by
 Donna. Motion carried.

Letter read from Sunshine Girls ⁴⁻²¹⁻⁷² read by
 Verna. Verna handed in ^{fair property for her} possessions
 of Fair.

Bids have been let for paving of
 Fair grounds and building of rest room
 & shower room. June 6 10:30 am. Donna & Donita
 will attend the opening of bids.

Letter ^{from Co. for Oregon} read applying for application
 for space at fair. Board discussed this
 and decided not to send application.

The possibility of hiring a new
 Sec. Tre. was discussed. R.M. Platts will
 put an ad in the paper June 6 for Sec. Tre.
 Gallery sheets checked over for
 errors.

Les had plumbing taken care of
 at Fair grounds. Presented bill for
 #7213.

Approved as read: July 10, 1972

Signed: R.M. Platts
 R. M. Platts, president

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The Board of Lincoln County Fair Association met July 10, 1972, in the Extension Building, Davenport.

President Plotts opened the meeting at 8 p.m. He introduced Diana Waseca, newly-hired secretary-treasurer. She was one of four who had responded to the ad in the Davenport Times.

The minutes of June 5, 1972 meeting as taken by Roberta Archer filling in as secretary of this meeting were read and approved.

The President discussed other applicants, and interviews with each and said he had decided Mrs. Waseca could best fill the job.

Communications: Brochure from ribbon supplier in Portland, Oregon was passed around. All ribbons except horse ribbons have been received. Discussion followed on horse show. Bill Easley said he had received favorable comment on horse show of past year.

Donita Linstrum inquired about parade ribbons; President Plotts to investigate.

A letter was read from the Davenport Clinic regarding a \$50.00 check which had not cleared and discussion followed.

The President announced the Odessa Record is the official County newspaper.

Several letters were passed around offering fair advertising, etc.; also the Grange News soliciting advertising.

Discussion was held on purchase of ties for fair workers; no action was taken.

Discussion on Davenport Contest to name a candidate to the Fair Queen Contest. Davenport's contest is to be at the Extension Building on the following Thursday, with Fair Queen Contest at the fairgrounds on July 29.

Lions Club representatives present discussed their bingo, "cat" game, cotton candy and their "usual" concessions. The Lions chairman expressed the hope that some rides appealing to teenagers can be secured. He also said lack of "manpower" is their big problem.

General discussion on promotion ideas, and the possibility of coordinating all activities and adding an air show, sky diving, arts and crafts festival to Fair agenda.

Bulletin from the fire marshall was read; as in the past, requirements for hoses, hydrants and buckets must be met.

President Plotts said the budget must be prepared by August 15, and should be ready for the board's consideration at the next meeting on August 14. Motion by Jim McKay, seconded by John Wagner, that the President and secretary work out the budget; carried.

Jim McKay brought up use of the chutes for tagging and weighing steers as recommended by the Livestock Association; the matter was left with the superintendent of that division.

Larry Brown, Extension Agent, turned over a chart listing judges or those to make contact to secure judges. List was read by President Plotts.

Inquiry as to who is Open Horse Superintendent. Board agreed on Mary Coleman if available and willing.

President Plotts said Metropolitan Mortgage is interested in a commercial booth. Les Seimer reported that booths have been spoken for and doubts if any available unless a cancellation comes up.

Report on the dance contracts: Young People's group from Waukon-Edwall has been signed. Group is headed by Ted Fritsch, and is called "Waukon Boogie & Funk".

The printing bill for 1200 premium books came to \$861.00; 600 books have been mailed out.

The President reported he and Mrs. Plotts mailed 46 notices and had been mailed out to persons interested in or connected with Fair activities.

The President brought up about payment of State Industrial coverage for the secretary and Les Seimer, manager of buildings and grounds. Motion was made by John Wagner, seconded by Jim McKay that both be covered, with withholdings from wages. Carried.

The President also announced that the bond for the new secretary-treasurer has been received and all is in order.

Larry Lindbloom of the VFW presented an agreement between that organization and the Fair Association regarding use of the Fairgrounds in putting on their rodeo. It was read by the secretary and discussion followed. John Wagner moved and Jim McKay seconded to adopt; motion carried.

Lindbloom also brought several questions from the VFW concerning the parade and the rodeo which were discussed and answered satisfactorily.

Chuck Plumb brought question of public relations between the Fair Association and the news media; offering services at a "nominal fee" to promote the Fair and related events through five newspapers, including pictures which would be sent to each. His service charge would be \$300 per year. Discussion covered whether budget would permit and results would warrant expenditure.

Further discussion was held on construction of a restroom facility. It was left to work out within the budget.

John Wagner is to be "finance and cashier man" at both the Queen Contest dance and the Fair dance. It was pointed out that the Queen's Pageant follows the banquet for royalty candidates and comes before the dance.

Les Seimer, Building and Grounds manager, brought up the matter of black-topping at the Fairgrounds; he suggested that board members look at it before any asphalt is laid.

No further business came before the meeting, and it adjourned to meet again on August 14, 1972, at the Extension Building at 8 p.m.

Those present were Mike Otis and Grant Alspach, Davenport Lions; Eetsy Masterson, Fair Queen Chairman; Larry Lindbloom, Davenport VFW; Les Seimer, Grounds Manager; Chuck Plumb; Board Members Jim McKay, Bill Bailey, Roberts Archer, R. M. Plotts, John Wagner, Donita Linstrum and the secretary.

Approved: As read, Aug. 14/72

Diana Weseca
Diana Weseca, Secretary

R. M. Plotts
R. M. Plotts, President

The meeting of the Board of the Lincoln County Fair Association held August 14, 1972, in the County Extension Office in Davenport was opened by President R. M. Plotts at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting on July 10 were read by the secretary and approved as read.

Discussion was held concerning the parade ribbons. Float ribbons are on hand.

Larry Lindbloom, representing the VFW Post of Davenport, asked permission for his organization to use the front office of the fairgrounds during the coming VFW-sponsored rodeo. Permission was granted by general consent of the Board. Lindbloom also asked the Board to consider incorporating repairs and maintenance of the chutes into the annual Fair budget.

He presented a bill from the REA which had been sent to the VFW by the county for the replacement of a light costing \$47.70. The fixture is located at the Fairgrounds. Before leaving the meeting he brought the question as to how entry is made for the Fair Parade, and instructed the secretary-treasurer that the books and records are to be turned in to the County Auditor's office at the Court House by November 15.

Following discussion about securing award banners for FFA livestock team-judging, Donna Christianson moved that they be purchased; seconded by Carol Freeman and carried.

Fred Springer inquired about floral entries in the Fair from high school horticulture students, and was told there would be only two divisions, one for men and one for women. High schoolers are to enter as adults.

Les Seimer was asked about anticipated income from Fairgrounds facilities-rental, and he said it should amount to "about the same" as the past year.

Parade formation was discussed, and it was announced that parade ^(horses) judging will be by Carol McLean. Also asked about locations where units are to form, and it was ruled that information in the premium books must stand for this year. Changes can be considered before the book is published next year. Float ribbons, badges and all other awards are on hand. Bands get \$25.00 each, no ribbons.

President Plotts explained the previous discussion on retaining Chuck Plumb's public relations services this year and next, or \$25.00 for the balance of this year, and \$400.00 for all of next. Plumb explained what had been done on the Fair Queen publicity, and had held off since to get the "wrap-up". He said he proposes to be at the Fair the whole time, and afterwards to get list of ribbon winners to send out to other newspapers.

President Plotts said he had gone up to the Fairgrounds and checked the recent paving; he thought it "looked fine", and that it should handle the run-off.

Discussion held on the proposed Initiatives 260 and 258 pertaining to legalization of dog racing and redistribution of pari-mutuel funds. Motion was made by Donna Christianson that the Fair Association Board go on record as opposing both; seconded by John Wagner and carried.

The proposed 1973 Budget, prepared by President Plotts and the secretary, was read.

It totaled \$32,284.00, against the 1972 budget of \$29,664.00, for an increase of \$2,620.00. It was approved for submission to the County Commissioners' consideration as proposed.

John Wagner reported \$315.00 had been received from the dance held the night of the Fair Queen Contest on July 29, with 60%, or \$189.00, going to the band, and the balance of \$126.10 going to the Fair Fund.

Discussion was held on the new rest room and shower facility at the Fairgrounds, and President Plotts said it would not be built for this year's use. He said the Board would likely need to contract with Chick Sales again. John Wagner said he had been told a gas water heater for shower use would insure a continuous supply of hot water more reliably than an electric heater. It was also stated that a new electrical pole and light was to be installed before the rodeo.

Question was raised as to unexpended funds, and Jim McKay said the rule had been changed so that unexpended budgeted funds do not revert to general funds.

President Plotts explained how the competition for Davenport's representative in the Queen Contest was organized, and asked the secretary to read a letter of thanks he had asked her to draft for Board approval. The letter was addressed to Carla Boleneus who undertook organization of the Davenport competition with the support of the Community Grange. Plotts also said Carla and the Community Grange had volunteered to conduct the contest next year. The letter of thanks was approved and the secretary instructed to mail it.

Reading of Bills - bills presented from REA, Washington Water Power, and the Davenport Grange Supply. The Grange bill is for the amount of \$410.82, and it is to be checked out before paying. It was thought to be an old bill for fuel oil delivered to the Fairgrounds.

It was asked whether the livestock scales had been checked last year, and Larry Brown said the representative from the Weights and Measures Division of the Department of Agriculture had tested them after they had been moved from their previous location. Fred Springer volunteered to make sure they are o.k.

John Wagner asked what the Grange theme is this year, and President Plotts said booths are to carry the theme "The Farmer Feeds Them All".

The President said Jean Bannon of the Soroptomist Club of Davenport had inquired whether the club could hold a raffle during the Fair. It was explained that this is a service organization, and the Board gave permission by general consent.

Carol Freeman was introduced. She is the new Area Extension Representative working out of the Lincoln County Extension Office.

Chairmen reported that judges have been cared for and secured. Harold Jenkins reported on the parade judges.

Bill Bailey asked who is to be Open Horse Department Superintendent. The secretary said previous minutes showed Mary Coleman is to serve if available.

Further inquiries about ribbons were discussed. It was decided to hold a short recess and check what is on hand. Several volunteered to bring in the "ribbon stock" from the storeroom.

Meeting was reconvened and Les Seimer discussed the fair booth rental. He also asked about what to do with the dry grass on the grounds, whether to burn or mow it. The Board recommended mowing, also that rodeo horses be kept off the new oil.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day) for a final planning session with superintendents and any others who will be working during the fair and might have questions.

Approved: As read, Sept. 4, 1972

Diana Waseca
Diana Waseca, Secretary

R. M. Plotts
R. M. Plotts, President

Present at the above meeting were Lawrence Brown and Carol Freeman of the Extension Office; Don Wamstad, FFA Advisor, Davenport; Fred Springer, FFA Advisor, Reardan; Charles E. Plumb, Publick Relations; Larry Lindbloom, VFW representative and deputy county auditor; Harold Jenkins of the Parade Committee; Les Seimer, Building and Grounds Manager; Board Members Roberta Archer, R. M. Plotts, Donna Christianson, John Wagner, Jim McKay and Bill Bailey; and the secretary.