

**LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES  
JULY 15, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. Gerry, Lisa, Gretchen, Lydia, Josie and Sharon were in attendance. We had Mike Moser visiting, representing FAFB. The minutes were read and approved with the following correction: the Creston 4-H group wanted to paint 1-3 stalls, but the fair board wants them to paint 12, not just the ones they will be using.

The Callants will be the honey superintendents if no one steps forward.

The letter from Scott Hopkins representing the Huckleberry Bluegrass Festival was read and discussed. Gerry will make an appointment with the bluegrass committee to discuss the letter and payment.

There was discussion about the Hamburger Stand. There was talk about closing up the windows on the south side of the stand and walling them off. The windows on the north side need to be kept as they are, they do get used. The present door in the back of the stand needs to be replaced with the new door that is being stored there. No decision was made about repairing these items.

Lowell starts on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Sharyn Hutsell & Bill Foster planted flowers on the fairgrounds.

There was a lengthy discussion about the signs and the costs of them. The signs are to be made of fibertek board with vinyl lettering.

The cost for the grandstand signs are as follows:

4 X 8 Black & White	\$275.00
4 X 8 Color	\$300.00
2 X 8 Black & White	\$150.00
2 X 8 Color	\$175.00
4 X 4 Black & White	\$150.00
4 X 4 Color	\$175.00
2 X 4 Black & White	\$100.00
2 X 4 Color	\$125.00
4 X 8 Bucking Chutes	\$500.00
Friends of the Fair	\$25.00

It was decided that the ads for signs will be listed in the Lincoln Advertiser, and the Huckleberry Press. We will also advertise in the Cheney Free Press and The Exchange. We will not use the Columbia Basin Herald.

Gretchen went out to the grounds and wrote down all of the sponsors from the listed signs that were made 18 years ago. Those businesses still in business will be contacted.

Mike Moser (our Grains, Grasses and Weeds Superintendent) will be putting together a volunteer work crew during the fair from FAFB. They will be performing garbage pickup duties and other tasks around the grounds during the fair. Mike was saying he could probably get about 30 people to work.

The fair still needs the following superintendents:  
Quilts, Open Crafts, Open Baking, Honey, 4-H Family Living, 4-H Demonstrations and Round Robin.

Sharon will let Gretchen know how much money was collected from the Charlene Monson memorial.

Bob Carlson from Puyallup will be our state judge.

The ambulance crew will be available for the Drivers Rodeo.

We will offer a fair admittance of \$2.00 for a military family with proper I.D.

\$2060.00 was collected in contributor money this year---up from last year.

Sharon will write a letter to Kelly Rounds, having her contact Lydia or Josie about the colors for the red horse barn. If Kelly would like to paint the stalls, she will have to provide the paint or have it donated. A suggestion was a barn red color purchased from Murdoch's.

We will rent an ice machine for during the fair, from Polar Ice.

Lydia's daughter, Rhonda suggested a massage therapist would be a great addition to the fair. We would take 10% of the profits.

Haven't heard anything from Katie Rosman and her Friends of the Fair project.

Gretchen reported that Jan and perhaps Candy will cook the chicken for the BBQ.

Sharon described how the RV sales tax works. Also described how the city of Davenport will not allow the parachuters and other people with planes, camp at the airport anymore. They say by doing that, they are in direct competition with the fairgrounds.

There was discussion about the barrel racing. The barrel racers require the tractor to be used after 5 runs. Gretchen will check with Justine Merriott to see where other races are held and how much the IEBRA pays for the arena or by runs.

Sharon will write a letter to Michelle Overmyer saying we will not charge her for RV parking this year. Sharon also took reservations from board members for RV spots; Lydia and Sharon will pay for their spaces.

Lydia reported that this will be the last year using the current vendor for making the mini ribbons. The husband of the husband & wife business has died.

Our next fair board meeting will be on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger  
Fair Secretary