

## Lincoln County Fair September 2004 minutes

The Lincoln County fair board met for a regular meeting on September 13th at 7:15 with Gerry, Gretchen, Josie, Dale, Lydia and Sharon present.

We welcomed 3 new members to the board with Josie making the motion and Gretchen 2nd the motion-Welcome, Lisa Zunker-Reardan, Becky & Phil Tallman also of Reardan. That gives us 10 members with room for 2-4 more.

Karen & Bob with the Blue Grass festival came to ask our permission to build a germinate stage on site between the commercial building the Dare building. Their plan it to build it to be 20'x15'x3', they estimate it to cost about \$1000.00 and are hoping to get most of it donated. We reminded them to get a building permit. There are still some details to work out but we have given them the ok for now. Sharon agreed to talk to Dave Nighwonger at Harrington High School or Steve Brewster to find out what is needed for electrical set ups. Dale entertained to have them precede, Gerry & Karen to meet with the Commissioners.

The Horseshoe people would like some sort of shade. It got really hot and there was nowhere for the players to go. Centurytel has some trees at the old Medical Lake location and have offered to donate them if we could get the manpower. Lisa to check and see how big they are and what it would take to move a tree or two to our grounds.

strange. Lydia had a noose in her office just before the fair started and then after the fair Marcie was cleaning the horse bathrooms and there was a rabbit hanging from the rafters. She threw it away and told Sharon, who reported it to the sheriffs office, the deputy came to do the report the rabbit was gone. Hummm. The sheriff's office has upped their patrol around the grounds and we have changed combos on the padlocks and re-keyed several locks around the grounds.

Gerry had Dawnell come and talk to us about our rodeo. She understands our dilemma with the lack of crowd and the ability to keep a crowd and will do what she can to help us with a draw. She suggested having something like

a cow milking contest with local business people or people from the crowd. Kiss the pig again with important business people, and maybe even a jail. At some other rodeos pictures are sometimes offered with the biggest & meanest bull. Have the kids have a stick horse contest for decorating their own stick horse and then during an intermission they have a stick horse race. We could get sponsorships for the smaller events to and have flags made for the horse kids to ride around in the arena during the show and advertise for the sponsors. She also said that our rodeo competes with as many as 5 other competition-placing rodeos. It was also brought up that our grounds aren't in good enough shape to put on a full 7 event rodeo and neither is our pocket book, to put on a big show like that it would cost about \$55,000.00. There is a lot that can be done we just need to look at all of our avenues.

We received a letter from Connie McKay resigning her position as beef superintendent. She has mixed emotions but thought it was time for new blood and idea's.

We also received a letter from Rich & Renee Ainardi from R&R concessions they wanted a refund for the weekend. They had several complaints Sharon has the letter.

RV parking weekends were discussed and volunteers needed for the following dates:

Sunday 9/19/04 10am-12pm Gretchen

Sunday 9/26/04 10am-12pm Gerry

Saturday 10/02/04 9am-12pm Lisa

Saturday 10/09/04 9am-12pm Phil and Becky

Saturday 10/16/04 9am-12pm

We will be having a Thank you to the Superintendents BBQ on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 here at the fair grounds it will be a pot luck with the board furnishing the meat.

As of now Gerry, Gretchen and Sharon will be attending this year's convention if anyone else is interested please contact Sharon.

The next meeting will be Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm