

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
June 2, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The June 2, 2008 Board Meeting of the Armada Agricultural Society was called to order by President Ken Goike at 7:00 p.m. at the Armada Fair Office with Mike Bohm as Recording Secretary.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Nancy Bliss, Mike Bohm, Jim Brohl, Ted Corey, Ted Dalia, Mary Ebert, Jim Eckhout, Ken Goike Jr., Ken Goike Sr., Phillip Kent, Robert Lotan, Dennis Marcath, Mark Rayman, Dean Reinhardt, Fran Reygaert, Bill Schapman, Gerald Spriet, Dave Sutton, Mark Sweeney, Gary Witt.

**Absent:** Jim Hanvey, Mark Rayman

**AGENDA:**

**Motion made** by Jim Eckhout supported by Mark Sweeney to accept agenda. **Motion Carried.**

**GUESTS:**

Barbara Gates and Kirk Detloff are the current 4-H Dog Superintendents. Ms. Gates asked if tents would be allowed around the dog arena during the show. Ms. Gates was informed that individual tents are not allowed. In regards to any other issues Ms. Gates and Mr. Detloff were encourage to work with the fair superintendent for dogs.

Cathy Deneweth and members of the Equestrian Team were present to express disappointment and concern over the proposed changes in costs for the equestrian events held at the fairgrounds. The issues were discussed and it was discovered that perhaps a misunderstanding had taken place. The off-season committee was asked to review the situation and get back with Mrs. Deneweth.

Armada Fire Chief Steve Jerzewski was present to discuss the fire departments involvement in the first annual Armada Power Sports Weekend. Fire Chief Jerewski informed the board that the department would provided the required services for the event.

**MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2008**

Motion by Fran Reygaert supported by Jerry Spriet to approve May 5, 2008 minutes with correction under "**STANDING COMMITTEES**" it should have read "the New Haven Elevator would like to purchase a bench in Memory of Bill Hahn. **Motion Carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Dennis Marcath made a motion that was supported by Dean Reinhardt to approve treasurer's report. **Motion Carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Read letter from Romeo/Washington Chamber of Commerce asking for a donation for their annual fund raiser. Dean Reinhardt made the motion to donate 2 adult tickets and up to 4 children's arm bands to be used only on "Arm Band Day" motion was supported by Bill Schapman. **Motion Carried.**

Read letter from Armada Amvets Post #39 asking for a donation to help support their memorial day parade. Nancy Bliss made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the Amvets, the motion was supported by Dave Sutton. **Motion Carried.**

Read Thank You letters from Jayne Meinhard, Krista Wylin, and the family of Bud Crews.

Read letter from MFEA in regards to scholarship opportunities.

Read letter from the \$-H office in regards to the 4-H clean-up of the fairgrounds.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR MAY:**

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| Auto Value                  | \$55.72  |
| Cintas Fire Protection      | 34.50    |
| Foster Blue Water Oil       | 618.57   |
| HPI Printing(fair books)    | 5,103.93 |
| HPI Printing(envelopes)     | 330.90   |
| Signs Plus More             | 80.00    |
| The Banner                  | 160.00   |
| The Voice                   | 117.45   |
| Viamedia                    | 2,527.00 |
| Waste Management            | 93.00    |
| First Independent Insurance | 3,602.65 |
| Dean Reinhardt-fuel         | 76.85    |
| Jennifer Reinhardt-water    | 119.29   |

**PAY BILLS**

Dennis Marcath made a motion to pay bills. The motion was supported by Dave Sutton. **Motion Carried.**

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Mary Ebert and Ted Corey informed the board that they had received 60 applicants for the job opening in the office. It was recommended that the job be offered to Mary Powers for \$11.00 per hour with no benefits.

Dean Reinhardt informed the board that Tom Crump would be willing to work in the Hospitality Tent during the fair. Mary Ebert made the motion to hire Tom Crump at the rate of \$7.00 per hour not to exceed \$70.00 per day. Motion was supported by Dennis Marcath. **Motion Carried.**

Bob Lotan discussed the scheduling of the Dog Show versus the Goat Show.

Ken Goike Sr. requested the board's approval to run a temporary water line to the flower beds up near the office. It was agreed that the maintenance committee would explore the option.

Bill Schapman made a motion to sign a contract with Cardinal Mooney High School for parking lot assistance during the fair at the cost of \$7200.00. Motion supported by Dave Sutton. **Motion Carried.**

Bill Schapman made a motion to donate \$3000.00 to the Armada High School Athletics for clean up of grandstands and fairgrounds. Motion supported by Mark Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

Dave Sutton gave a follow up report on the tent rental for the Budweiser Horses. Lafayette Tent quoted \$1500.00 dollars for the required tent. This quote was ½ the cost of other quotes received to date.

Dean Reinhardt made a motion to spend \$850.00 to replace the outdated lights in the 4-H barn. The motion was supported by Bob Lotan. **Motion Carried.**

Nancy Bliss asked who was going to be in charge of the flower boxes. It was decided that Ken Goike Sr. would be the person responsible. It was also noted that Denewith's Greenhouses would donate the flowers.

Nancy Bliss inquired about the number of events that would comprise the rodeo. The arena committee indicated there would be 6 events.

Nancy Bliss inquired about the rope making machine that was purchased by the Armada Fair several years ago. It was noted that the machine was being stored off grounds. The board agreed that the machine needed to be returned to the fairgrounds for storage.

Nancy Bliss informed the board that the scholarship presentations went very well.

Jerry Spriet informed the board that a signed contract had been received from Budweiser in regards to the Budweiser Horses being present at the fair.

Jerry Spriet also informed the board that Randy Furrow will be willing to donate his tractor to pull the people mover wagon for the parking lot.

Fran Reygaert asked the board to please indicate the size and type of shirt required for the upcoming 2008 fair.

Fran inquired about the two way radios for the 2008 fair. Fran was informed that they had not been rented due to the fact that the committee was waiting for a couple of more quotes before making a decision.

Mike Bohm mentioned that the Armada Fair was still paying for the ribbons being used during the 4-H auction even though the fair was no longer involved. It was decided that the fair should discuss the issue with the livestock committee.

Phil Kent asked the board members to review the stake placement around the fairgrounds. The stakes are being used as indicators for future tree plantings.

Dennis Marcath informed the board that 128 Pigs were tagged along with 70 lambs.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Nancy Bliss and supported by Jim Eckhout to accept the January's treasurer's report. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Jim Eckhout and supported by Dave Sutton to accept February's treasurer's report. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made Gary Witt and supported by Mark Sweeney to accept the March treasurer's report. **Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The board recommended that the Executive board work with a lawyer in regards to the handling of Mr. Cooper and his admittance to the 2008 Armada Fair.

Phil Kent presented to the board, on behalf of Jim Hanvey, sound equipment recommendations for the 2008 Armada Fair. Three upgrades were recommended at a total cost of \$3996.00. Fran Reygaert made a motion to spend \$2016.00 to upgrade the speaker system in barn #15 and to purchase general sound supplies. The motion was supported by Dean Reinhardt. **Motion Carried.** The remaining amount requested was denied at this point in time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by Fran Reygaert supported by Jim Brohl to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Submitted by Recording Secretary Mike Bohm