

# **BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

FIVE YEAR BUSINESS PLAN

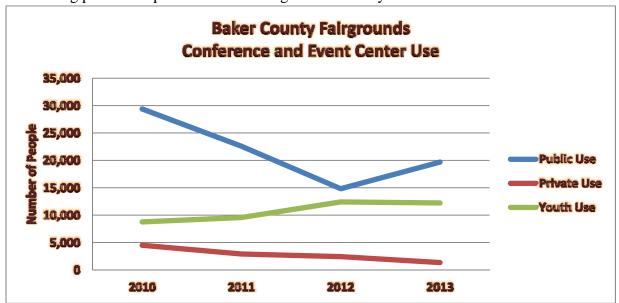
2014 - 2019

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Baker County Fairgrounds Conference and Event Center

The Baker County Fair has been in existence since the 1920's. On an annual basis the fairgrounds serves a wide range of citizens. The Annual County Fair draws from the entire county with an annual attendance of approximately 7,000.

Our facilities include an indoor show barn, grassy courtyard, livestock barns, rodeo grounds, 5-acre field, and Community Event Hall. All of which are available for public and private events and meetings. We also rent tables and chairs.

The following table shows fairgrounds and event center use in addition to the annual fair. There is declining public and private use and a slight increase in youth use since 2010.



#### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

Cockram Arena – Indoor Show Arena (8100 sq ft), Kitchen, heat, restrooms, and grass courtyard. Rent is \$250 per day, \$125 ½ day, \$1,000 weekly, or \$25 per hour.

**Grass Courtyard – Grass area** in front of Cockram Arena. Rent is \$35 per day.

**Rodeo Grounds** – Arena and Grand Stand (seats 750)-, **no** restrooms, announcer stand, stock corrals and chutes, covered horse stalls (4), arena lights, water, electricity. Rent is \$300 per day, \$150 ½ day(w/o lights), \$300 ½ day(with lights), Chutes/Corrals only \$100 per day.

**Event Center** – 6400 sq ft, Coml. Kitchen (gas grill, 2 convection ovens, gas range, freezer, refrigerator, ice maker), restrooms, heat/AV, electrical. Rent is \$250 per day (\$300 with kitchen) or \$1,200 weekly. Kitchen only rent is \$50 per day or \$200 weekly.

**Undeveloped 5-acre field on the corner of Grove and D Street** – Rent is \$50 per day.

**Corner lot** – Undeveloped lot on Campbell/Grove Street Rent is \$10 per day or \$50 weekly.

**Livestock Barns** – Sheep/Swine Barn-north of Cockram Arena, Beef/Goat Barn – south of Cockram Arena.

**Equipment** – Dance floor, dishes, bleachers, benches, 6 low and 2 high, table and chair sets, RV hookup (electrical & water)-quantity 8.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The future includes marketing, management, and improvement of the Baker County Fair Grounds to serve the community as the site of the County Fair and the facility to use for events of all types.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Baker County Fair Board is to manage, maintain and promote the Baker County Fair Grounds for the benefit of its citizens.

#### **BAKER COUNTY FAIRBOARD**

A seven member volunteer board appointed by the Baker County Commissioners to oversee facility operations and maintenance of the Baker County Fair Grounds and Community Event Center as well as producing a quality County Fair.

#### ADVISORY BOARD

A three-member non-voting board appointed by the Baker County Commissioners that provides additional expertise to the Fair Board.

#### FAIR GROUNDS MANAGER

The primary purpose of this position is to provide support to the Fair Board. Typical duties are office management, prepare documents and correspondence and monthly reports, monitor fiscal expenditures, coordinate events, and market the facilities for rentals on behalf of the board. The Fair Grounds Manager oversees volunteers, staff, and day-to-day facilities operations.

#### ASSISTANT MANAGER

An individual to assist the Fair Grounds Manager, event planning, administrative duties, answering phone, greeting public, filing, and prepare correspondence. Assisting in the planning and organizing of the fair.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

# NON-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GOALS – in order of priority

Goal 1 – Increase Public Awareness	
Task	Completion Date
1. Build a Baker County Fair web page with a user friendly interface that informs the public of happenings, shares relevant images, targets the appropriate audience, and is easily updated with the most current information.	Goal to complete 12/01/15
2. Develop Marketing Strategy that details how we will bring awareness of our services and events to the public. Will include a broad-based marketing approach (radio, social media, newspaper ads, yard signs, banners etc.)	
3. Create a brochure for Community Event Center that will market event center and meeting room rental to increase revenue.	Completed 2015

# ${\bf CAPITAL\ IMPROVEMENT\ GOALS-in\ order\ of\ priority}$

Goal 1 – Rodeo Grounds Grandstand Repair	
Task	Estimated Cost
1. The grandstands have water damage with rotting wood and will	\$50,000
need all new uprights to make safe for the public.	Completion
	date /Fiscal Yr
	2015-2016

Estimated Cost
\$85,000.00 Completion Date Fiscal Yr 2015-2016  Ash Grove Contribution \$20,000.00

Goal 3 – Community Event Center	
Task	Estimated Cost
1. The skylights are leaking causing water damage to ceiling and floor and are not energy efficient.	\$ Completion Date/Fiscal Yr 2016-2017
2The roof needs to be replaced/the walls need to be more energy efficient.	\$ Completion Date/Fiscal Yr 2016-2017

Goal 4 – Community Event Center Enhancements	
Task	Estimated Cost
1. Accordion Walls to separate and make 3 zones.	\$
2. Drop Down projector Screens for classes, videos, and	Completion
presentations.	Date/Fiscal Yr
3. Refurbish floor for sound acoustics, eye appeal and seal of	2015-2016
cracks.	

Goal 5 – Rodeo Grounds Boundary Fence	
Task	Estimated Cost
1. The fence in place is in poor condition and will soon collapse. Will need to be rebuilt.	\$ Completion Date/Fiscal Yr 2015-2016
Goal 6 - Corner Lot Enhancement/Motor Pool	
Task	Estimated Cost
1. The Campbell Street Corner Lot is very visible on a high traffic	\$
street and would like to attract more opportunities for renting	Completion
the lot by adding landscaping to make the are more user	Date/Fiscal
friendly and	Year
marketable	2016-2017
2. Motor Pool-Design area for the best use during fair or to	
improve rentals at fairgrounds. Size measures 138ft width-	
220ft length.	

Goal 7 – Facility Enhancement	
Task	Estimated Cost
<ol> <li>Add more wash racks and tie outs for the beef. Our beef numbers are growing and we are in need of more room.</li> <li>Extend roof overhang on south side full length of beef barn for</li> </ol>	\$ Completion Date/Fiscal Yr
cover for grooming chutes.  3.	2015-2016

	Goal 8-Small Animal Barn	
1.	Build a small animal barn, we currently rent a tent every year during fair. A barn would be cleaner and the ability for air flow would be better. The tent size is 40x60 and the cost each year is 1600.00.	\$ Completion Date/Fiscal
2.	Storage Area-Need more storage and share with OSU. Size 20x30.	YR
3.	Showers	2015-2016

# $FUTURE\ GOALS-not\ in\ priority\ order$

Goal 1 – Rodeo Grounds Enhancement	
Task	Estimated Cost
1. RV Hookup/Power-install hookups on the east fence for extra	\$
hookups for camper or vendors during fair.	Completion Date/Fiscal Yr
3. Add restrooms and concession stand.	\$ Completion Date/Fiscal Yr

Goal 2 – Cockram Arena Enhancement		
Task	Estimated Cost	
1. Add barrier around the Grass Area	\$ Completion Date/Fiscal Yr	

Goal 3- Reader Board for Fairgrounds		
	\$ Completion Date/Fiscal Yr	

Goal 4 – Community Event Center Enhancement	
Task	Estimated Cost
1. SE Parking lot and access.	\$ Completion Date/Fiscal Yr

Goal 5-Storage			
Ite	he fairgrounds is in need of more storage area for tables and extra ems. OSU is also needing more storage space for filing cabinets and equipment used for functions and activities.	Estimated Cost \$ Completion Date/Fiscal Yr	

Goal 6-		
Task	Estimated Cost	
	\$ Completion Date/Fiscal Yr	