

CONSTRUCTION of the HALL March – October 1969

Fortunately, in early 1969 the Shufflers membership was comprised of people in nearly every skilled craft (carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, sheetmetal workers, heavy equipment operators, a farmer with a mower {for the weed crop}, etc), engineers, accountants and a pastor for good measure; but, we had to hire an attorney (perhaps lawyers avoided becoming dancers to avoid work parties !) .

Construction was scheduled in appropriate phrases, so that we would not interfere with each other's discipline. Believe it or not, all of this was accomplished without benefit of a blueprint. The drawing that you see on the next page was made after-the-fact for an article submitted to a national square dance magazine.. "*Sets In Order*".

Work parties were scheduled for every Saturday and other days when people were available; about mid-day the ladies (bless their hearts) would arrive with hot meals. Frequently someone would show up evenings for short jobs or to check on the day's work.

In a short, but very busy 5 months, we went from surveying for the footings to "beneficial use" by holding our very FIRST DANCE in August; with no doors on the restrooms or cupboards and no suspended ceiling...but, we danced on a new wonderful hardwood floor.

Prairie Land Co., Inc.
Building Committee Meeting
June 3, 1969
Called by President Jim Vetrano

Those Present:

Jim Vetrano, Pres.
Bob Bush, Treas.
Frank Spaniel, PLC director/ Bldg.Comm.Chrmn.
Don Doescher, Foreman- Construction
Nester Wise, Materials Coordinator
Lloyd Carnahan, Plumbing subcontract
Ray Burrell, Electrical subcontract
Everett Albrecht, Heating/ Air Conditioning
Ron Smith, Septic tank / drywells

1. Jim briefly outlined the duties of everyone present, and emphasized safety and safe practices on the job. Don Doescher has been instructed to enforce rigid adherence and a "hard-nosed" approach with respect to safety. e.g., safety codes, grounded electrical, etc.
2. Lloyd –a. cast iron plumbing work is complete; b. stack and roof venting is on hand and ready to go June 5; c. number and location of fixtures determined at this meeting –total cost of above drainage work -\$265; d. presented estimates on fixtures -\$586.70 (3 stools, 2 urinals, drinking fountain, three compartment sink & single basin sink for kitchen, and basins for restrooms)- based on similarity of bids furnished by Nester, Lloyd was instructed to proceed with his materials.
e. Jim queried desirability of two hosebibs on exterior of building –will be done—40ft of galvanized pipe \$9.30 per Nester, plus 2 hosebibs approx.\$10.
f. all fixture prices include traps, drain, faucets, etc.
g. water piping to fixtures est. \$50 Total Plumbing, incl.tax \$963

3. Ray – total electrical \$1,257 (\$254 paid for); i.e. restroom items-1500W baseboards, line stats, 2 lights ea. room ; kitchen-3 double tube fluorescent lights, plug-ins; ballroom items-stats, ample plug-ins, (use fluorescent light from old hall for stage), nine 3-spot fixtures, with dimmer (dimmer and 4 spot lights on hand from old hall)/
Exhaust fans for kitchen and restrooms not included in estimate; four drop Heaters- 5,000W each ---\$360; electrical permit needed-approx.\$21 (give Doescher a check).
4. Everett – No price obtained from factory on centralized heating/air cond.
5. Ron – Price will be lowest of 3 bids, less 10%--will take shares for work, approx. \$450. septic tank-1,350 gallon (1/2 inch re-steel in walls), plus 2 drywells. Ron was instructed to proceed. He will be ready to install Monday, June 9 or Saturday, June 14 – our discretion.
6. Bob-recommended informing Morey Baker immediately, in order to obtain good backhoe, and excavate this weekend – June 7 & 8 (per Morey \$65).
7. Nester-Material estimate for oak ‘shorts’ flooring, assuming 40% waste – \$1,600 if mill can locate (in view of existing lumber shortage); assuming only 10% waste, price (high side) \$1,250.
Drop ceiling-racks,tile & hangers -\$946.
Nester queried how T&G flooring was being nailed down and ends cut off !
Suggested no cuts, inasmuch as material is T&G.

8. Don-Queried various stages of interior finishing----i.e., kitchen and auxilliary rooms ceilings to be 8 foot; running direction of ceiling rafters to be such that most of service area overhead can be utilized for storage; no ceiling for now, over the larger storeroom. Doors on hand are not equipped with panic hardware. (Bob Bush stated door frames already paid for-\$ 61, and invoice received today for doors 261)
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| Doescher- contractor price on hardware..... | 320 |
| -contractor price on mullion..... | 40 |
| total | \$682 |

Don was instructed to see about returning Western Materials doors and Wise and Doescher to check out other arrangements.

Don presented ideas on front entrance porchway. Committee decided should be "L" shaped, rather than total enclosure. This is late priority item.

Foundation vent screening to be done June 7. Don has meeting June 4 with I. Lampson (HIA) and E. Pahl (County engineer) to identify what Shufflers will remove from Shanty on 4th & Union, before county puts building up for demolition bid

9. Summarized priority of work yet to be done:
- a. roof shingling and facia work June 7 and 8
 - b. roof mopping by Boyd Roofing -\$450
 - c. ceptic tanks 450
 - d. doors
 - e. partitioning studding 400/500
 - f. rough plumbing and electrical from walls
 - g. lay T&G flooring1,300
 - h. sheetrock interior walls
 - i. plumbing fixtures
 - j. heating/ air conditioning
 - k. porch
 - l. parking lot
 - m. ceiling

Notes taken by treasurer
Bob Bush

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APPLICATION FOR SEPTIC TANK INSPECTION.

DATE July 9, 1969

CITY _____ COUNTY Benton

DIRECTIONS _____

ADDRESS OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION 717 North Irving, Kennewick

NEW HOME _____ NUMBER OF BEDROOMS _____ OTHER Prairie Shuffler
Dance Hall

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM:

SEPTIC TANK 1,200 GALLONS
SEEPAGE PIT _____ SQ. FEET
DRAIN FIELD 300 SQ. FEET

APPROVED BY: James H. Hinchley DATE July 9, 1969
Sanitarian

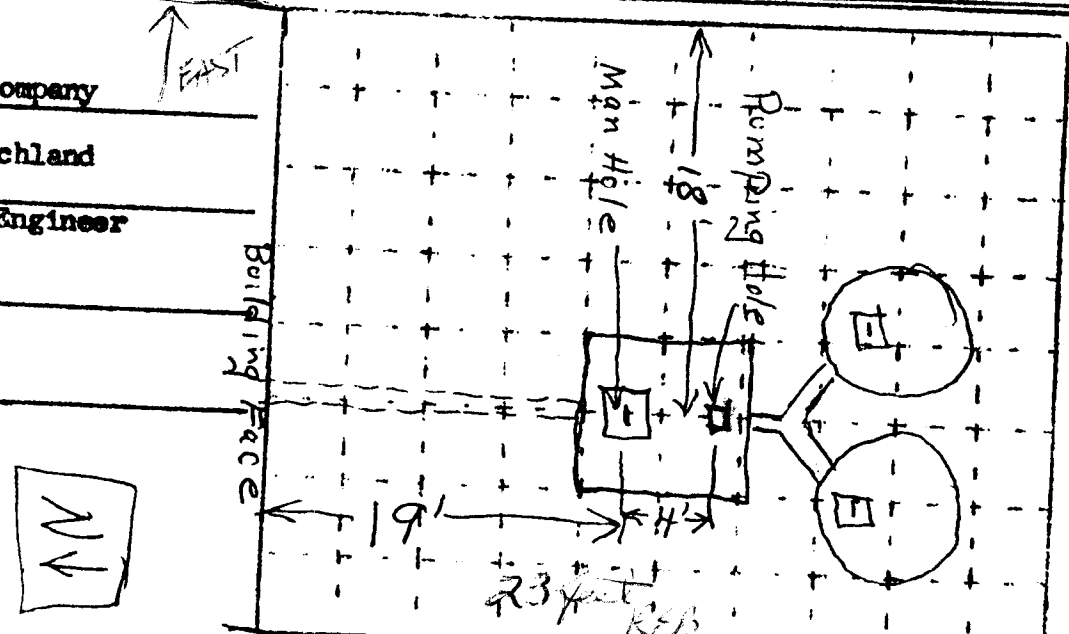
WATER SUPPLY: PUBLIC x (City of Kennewick)
PRIVATE _____

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE _____
Sanitarian

MAIL REPORT TO:

Prairie Land Company
R.E. Busch
218 Atkins, Richland

cc: Benton County Engineer



SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES

- Oct. 3, 1968 Notification that Shanty to be demolished for road widening.
- Oct – Nov One year old Past Pres.Comm. put to work looking for another dance location.
- Dec. Shufflers President appoints ‘Building Finance Committee’
- Jan. 1969 Building Finance Committee sends ‘Notice of General Membership Meeting’
- Feb. 16 Presentation of building plans to Shufflers membership
- 19 Earnest money put down on land
- Mar 17 Interim directors apply for ‘land use’ permit County Planning Comm. Hearing
- 20 First newsletter issued by Interim Directors of Prairie Land Co.
- 21 Land purchased – 2 acres
- 25 Water meter installed on Metaline St
- 29 **GROUND BREAKING** ceremony
- 30/31 Backhoe work for water line and footings.
- 31 Acre of land fronting on Metaline sold
- Apr 1 Leveling of land
- 9 Pour footings
- 15 Lot grade leveling
- Apr 10/May 2 Erection of concrete block walls by contractor
- May 4 Trusses set & placement of pillars – more backhoe work
- 13 Electrical service and panel box
- 18 **FIRST ANNUAL MEETING** - Prairie Land Co.
- June 3 Electrical work approved & permit received from Wash.State Electrical Inspector
- 9 ‘Black pipe’ and sewer rough-in; June 12 Excavate septic & drywell pi
- 19 First scaffolding on the job; June 24 exterior doors s
- July 8 Tie-in septic tanks and backfill; install soffit and fascia
- 9 Run wiring and install conduit and outlets
- 15 Secured a mortgage (in order to complete the project)
- 19 Benton County PUD hooked up service
- 16 Mopped roof
- Aug - Paint exterior trim; install water heater; restroom heaters and exhausts
- 8 **LAY HARDWOOD FLOOR**
- 9 Preliminary leveling of parking lot
- 16 **FIRST DANCE IN HALL**
- Sep 1 Finish buffing hardwood floor...after “danced in”
- 5 Set interior doors; pour sidewalk and stoops; do interior painting
- 10 Install space heaters and air conditioning
- Oct - Install spotlights & stats; carpet hallway; install ceiling and countertop
- 18 **GRAND OPENING** of Hall
- Nov - Carpet the stage
- 1970
- Jan 5 Install crash hardware on doors
- 24 Received County engineer’s drawing of Irving St. extension & our share of cost.
- Feb 23 Gravel parking lot
- 1979 Mortgage Burning Ceremony (Apr 14th - 3 years ahead of schedule)

Bob Bush