



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting: 5:30 pm, April 20th, 2026
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on April 20th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Mike Kasberger, Vice Chair
- Linda Cross
- Jennifer Cummins
- Linda Smith

STAFF ATTENDING

Casey Daly, Manager

Parker Gales, Administrative Assistant Sr.

GUESTS: Angela Ostrander

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Kasberger motions to approve the minutes from March 16th, 2025, regular Fair Board meeting, Cummins seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Jennifer Cummins	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Smith	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		

• **Public Comment: none**

- **Fair planning updates:** Daly talks about how the band; Court Priday will not be coming to fair this year. The office will be reaching out to some possible options for the Friday night performance.
- Daly talks about the Veterans breakfast, and a bit about the history behind it. Daly asks questions about what the breakfast should look like, coming back to the Fair board, or how we should proceed with the breakfast. The board discussed who they could chat with to make it a collaborative of the Fair board and PD to make it involve all.
- Some more fair updates including not having pony rides this year. Super Science Puzzle mania will be here instead of water palooza. Face painters will be returning, as well as Godfrey the magician, performing throughout the day.

- Daly speaks about how the Superintendents for the sheep/goat has put out an option to move their show ring and showing area down to utilize the 4H arena, that is being presented and will wait to hear more about that.
- Daly states that the new driveway will help to direct traffic and keep them away from the front of the entrance of the fairgrounds. Also stalks about how the Dog tent will be used for the dog show and the sheep shearing contest.
- **Funding Info Committee Update:** Daly speaks about the 1 million dollars grant that came to the fairgrounds for the maintenance of the Horse Racing facilities and for safety improvements. The Fair board committee will consist of Kaiser, Merritt, and Blanton. The first meeting will be held on May 7th, 2026, to discuss how the money will be spent.
- **Fairgrounds Bathroom Project Updates:** The Indoor Arena Bathrooms phase 1 have been finished and are now open for events. The outside is almost done and then all will be complete for the bathroom remodel. Demo on the outside cowboy/cowgirl bathrooms have started.

REPORTS:

- **Board Member Reports:**
 - **Jennifer Cummins:** none
 - **Linda Smith:** none
 - **Linda Cross:** none
 - **Mike Kasberger:** none
 - **Gail Merritt:** none
- **Administrative Assistant Report (Parker Gales):** Gales went over a few things previously in the meeting about fair. Ideas included how to make some of the vendor booths more interactive and bringing in more vendors.
- **Financial Report (Daly):** In the board members' binding section under financials.
- **Manager's Report (Daly):** Daly speaks the unplanned expense of our Jonh Deer 6410 tractor that needed some repairs, added up to \$12,000. The septic system also was backed up and needed to be cleaned out, as well as our carpets being cleaned, added up to \$2500. Daly speaks about how the Kennedy property has been cleared and ready to use, the fairgrounds will be creating something for the acknowledgment of them. The fairgrounds had a circus that came on May 7th, 2026, and a few animal activists were here to protest, they were given space to do so. Daly and Gales went to META to accept our Community Grant award and be recognized for that.
- Kasberger motions to adjourn the meeting, Cummins seconds; the motion carries.

Board Member	"Yes" Vote	"No" Vote	Abstains
Jennifer Cummins	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Linda Smith	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		

ACTION ITEM(S):

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- a. The Board voted to approve March 16th, 2026, Fair Board Meeting minutes.
- b. The Board voted to approve adjourn the meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Next regular meeting: Monday, May 18th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Parker Gales
05/12/26

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