



Crook County Fair Board Minutes  
Fair Board Meeting: 5:30 pm, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on August 18th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Gail Merritt.

**ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING**

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Mike Kasberger, Vice Chair
- Larry Blanton (via phone)
- Casey Kaiser
- Linda Cross

**STAFF ATTENDING**

Casey Daly, Manager

Haley Crow, Administrative Assistant Sr.

**GUESTS:** Angela Ostrander, Dale Cummins, Jennifer Cummins

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Kasberger motions to approve the minutes from the May 12th, 2025 regular Fair Board meeting. Cross seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Mike Kasberger	X		
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Linda Cross	X		

- Kaiser motions to approve the minutes from the June 10th, 2025 Special Fair Board meeting. Kasberger seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Mike Kasberger	X		
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Linda Cross	X		

- **Public Comment from Angela Ostrander:** The 2025 Fair was amazing and worked great.

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- **Interview Fair Board Applicant (Jennifer Cummins):** The Fair Board received a copy of the application ahead of time and asks the applicant a series of questions. To request a copy of this interview’s recording, please reach out to Casey Daly at [casey.daly@crookcountyor.gov](mailto:casey.daly@crookcountyor.gov). The Fair Board discusses.
  - Kasberger motions to recommend to the County Commissioners to appoint Jennifer Cummins as a member of the Fair Board, Cross seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Mike Kasberger	X		
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Linda Cross	X		

- **2025 Fair Board Highlights & Review:**

**Kaiser:** I worked primarily with vendors and helping Carol Poppe, and thought things went pretty smoothly – smoother than last year.

**Cross:** I have heard nothing but positive things from the community about the fair this year. The parking could be improved on for next year, but it was a last-minute situation due to the carnival. Overall, a great fair.

**Kasberger:** Had a lot of concerns earlier in the year with budget but was hugely impressed with what we pulled off.

**Blanton:** I thought it was awesome. Additional light towers in vendor area to fend off thieves. Some volunteers were driving golf carts way too fast.

**Gail:** People parking on the grounds in the morning was an issue. Having someone in a Fair Board shirt standing at the entrance helps. Sales Committee did a great job. We had an issue of a goat being walked around the beer garden.
- **Replacement Lawn Mower Equipment Purchase (Daly):** We got a quote from Coastal for a new Husqvarna mower (not to exceed \$4,000) and then plan to get a replacement motor for the Ford F350 (not to exceed \$6,000). Calling for a vote to spend this money from our Equipment fund.
  - Kaiser motions to approve up to six thousand dollars for the F350 engine replacement, Kasberger seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Mike Kasberger	X		
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Linda Cross	X		

- Kasberger motions to approve up to four thousand dollars for the new Husqvarna Z254F lawn mower, Kaiser seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Mike Kasberger	X		
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		

Larry Blanton	X		
Linda Cross	X		

**REPORTS:**

• **Board Member Reports:**

- **Linda Cross:** none
- **Casey Kaiser:** none
- **Larry Blanton:** none
- **Mike Kasberger:** none
- **Gail Merritt:** none

- **Administrative Assistant Report (Haley Crow):** *Doesn't have accurate expenditure/revenue numbers yet.* I felt like my workload was healthy and manageable this year. Even though we reduced our entertainment, I felt like people still stayed all day and participated in the small events we had planned. We had about 500 fewer exhibits this year, which I believe is a reflection of not paying premiums, but we had a lot of new exhibitors, which I believe is a reflection of our marketing outreach. The Classic Fair Games were ran by the Cowboy Mat Club. Our 50/50 split was about \$572. Food vendors were up 15%-20% from last year. Volunteer areas seemed well-staffed. Line Dancing was a hit...

- **Manager's Report (Daly):** The mass-mailer did not get anywhere close to paying for itself and only brought in \$650. The feedback from the public is to restore the premium payouts for the static exhibitors. Preliminary fair attendance is estimated to be around 38-40k. The Greg Merritt Community Scholarship BBQ served 372. We hosted the Chamber perk on Friday in Carey Foster Hall. We fed about 125 veterans on Thursday. We are still in negotiations with the carnival. A member of the NJROTC parking crew backed a truck into a light tower, so we will be having to cover the cost of those repairs. Doug Smith believes he has secured enough funding from the Racing Commission to finish the LED lighting on the horse racetrack. *Casey shares sheets with the Sales Committee numbers before bumps, and the revenue from the carnival (\$97k gross).*

- Kaiser motions to adjourn the meeting, Kasberger seconds; the motion carries.

Board Member	"Yes" Vote	"No" Vote	Abstains
Mike Kasberger	X		
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Linda Cross	X		

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

- a. The Board voted to approve May 12th, 2025 regular board meeting minutes.
- b. The Board voted to approve the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 special board meeting minutes.
- c. The Board voted to recommend to the County Commissioners that Jennifer Cummins be appointed to the Crook County Fair Board.
- d. The Board voted to approve up to \$6,000 for a replacement motor for the Ford F350.
- e. The Board voted to approve up to \$4,000 for a new Husqvarna Z254F lawn mower.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Haley Crow

Next regular meeting: September 15, 2025 at 5:30pm.

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