



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting: 5:30 pm, February 10th, 2025
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on February 10th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Mike Kasberger, Vice Chair
- Stanley Flynn
- Casey Kaiser
- Larry Blanton
- Mike McCabe

STAFF ATTENDING

Casey Daly, Manager

Haley Crow, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Angela Ostrander, Reza Hacker

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Mike K motions to approve the January 13th, 2025 meeting minutes as presented, Stanley seconds, no further discussion. The motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Casey Kaiser	X		
Mike McCabe	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Stanley Flynn	X		
Gail Merritt	X		

- **No public comment.**
- **Front End Loader, Indoor Arena Kitchen, Skylights (Covered Barns):** Our front-end loader wasn't working so Petersen CAT did an assessment, and we decided to take it to SMAF since their labor rate is ~\$40/hr less. Waiting on the eval from that. Indoor Arena kitchen had a leaking roof, so we took off the sheet rock and insulation and we will leave it open until we get another heavy rain to see if it's still leaking. We would like to get the skylights in the covered barns repaired before Fair. We had been holding off to see if the new barn was going to be built. Marshall Bex has submitted a bid for the project. Skylights were approved by the \$2M grant committee.
- **Fair Livestock Entry Fee Changes for 2025 (Open Class, 4-H, FFA):** After meeting with the 4-H [and FFA] and folks that wanted to have input on the entry fees for the upcoming Fair, Reza put

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together a spreadsheet (reports tab) with a breakdown of different pricing structures. Reaza recommends a per-exhibitor fee but raise it for this year and potentially reevaluate that fee each year. Casey adds that we will eventually need to establish a cap of how many animals each exhibitor can bring to Fair, especially for the small animals. Casey recommends going with Reaza's proposal.

- Casey Kaiser motions to adopt the new livestock entry fee structure for 4-H/FFA as proposed, Mike K seconds, no further discussion, motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Casey Kaiser	X		
Mike McCabe	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Stanley Flynn	X		
Gail Merritt	X		

- **Free Bull Ride Event Thursday Night of Fair, Benefit Barrel Races Weds. (Casey D):** just an informational update.
 - Gail asks about parking for these events, Casey D confirms contestants and event staff will all park in the back.

REPORTS:

- **Fair Board Members:**

- **Mike McCabe:** none
- **Stanley Flynn:** none
- **Mike Kasberger:** none
- **Casey Kaiser:** none
- **Larry Blanton:** none
- **Gail Merritt:** x

- **Administrative Assistant Report (Haley)**

- **2nd Annual Old-Fashioned Hoedown Fundraiser Report:** *expenses and revenue spreadsheets are shared with the Board.* The only fee that is not exact on here is the credit card fees. The expense and revenue totals and breakdowns are there, as well as donated items and services. There are thank-you notes for the Board to sign. The negative feedback I heard was that the bar line was long, so I talked with Rick about adding another barn for next year or making two different lines for cans/pours and mixed drinks. 236 attendees total.
 - Stanley: about 5-8 people said the auction ran too long. The auctioneer also said there were too many desserts and that he thought they slowed the momentum.
 - Casey K asks why we didn't do as well as last year. Haley confirms that almost every auction item sold under value. Out of 49, maybe 5 sold above value. Last year we made over \$21k on auction items and had fewer last year than we did this year.
 - Larry recommends doing a paddle raise. Haley confirms that the original plan was to only have 12 desserts + a paddle raise, but when we got 20 desserts, we decided to forego the paddle raise due to the length of the auction.
 - Larry recommends pursuing a title sponsor for next year.
 - Gail asks about staff time. Haley had a lot of overtime for the event, but Jay and Trevor were not affected.
- **Vendor Applications for Fair:** vendor apps are live but have not been advertised to the public because I haven't finished the vendor map. I would like to schedule a special meeting to plan for Fair so I can start releasing details to the public.
 - Gail comments that she feels the Fair Board doesn't communicate much with the staff about actual Fair planning and would like to have a work session.

- **Chamber Awards Banquet:** We have 5 tickets for the event on March 8th, and we are on the ballot. Let Haley know if you want to attend. Formal attire recommended.
- **Career Fair at the High School is April 22nd,** if the Board would like to attend and solicit volunteers for Fair. Stanley says we generally get a handful of volunteers from this event.
- **Financial Report:** \$2M spreadsheet update is in your binder.
- **Manager’s Report (Casey Daly):** I spent 2 days in Salem with OFA to visit ~90 legislators about the bills we are supporting. We made the governor’s budget this year which is a good sign. The bills are still in committee. I attended the first session of OFA Fair College, and the next session is in Canby in March. We are waiting for the draft version of the CRR contract to come from legal. Eric Blaine said legal is working on a comp plan for the volunteer board members to see if the County’s legal council can support the board members in ethics matters. There were 4 non-revenue-generating events: OHSET, Sheriff’s event in GMP, Blood Drive, Wolf Committee meeting.
- Mike K motions to adjourn the meeting, Casey K seconds; the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Casey Kaiser	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Mike McCabe	X		
Stanley Flynn	X		
Gail Merritt	X		

ACTION ITEM(S):

- a. January Fair Board meeting minutes were approved.
- b. Livestock entry fee structure for 2025 Crook County Fair was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: March 17th, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fairgrounds Office Board Room.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Haley Crow

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