



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm, January 23, 2023
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on January 23rd, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Mike Kasberger, Vice Chair
- Stanley Flynn
- Mike McCabe
- Susie Hermreck
- Linda Cross

STAFF ATTENDING

- Casey Daly, Manager
- Haley Crow, Office Assistant

GUESTS

- n/a

MINUTES

Linda C. motions to approve the minutes from December 19, 2022; Stanley F. seconds the motion. Motion carries; minutes are approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Crooked River Roundup (no-show):** There is talk that the discard pile could be used to cover the seed in the Outdoor Arena when that time comes. A walk-through is still in the works.
- **2023 Legislative Bills:** There are several bills containing similar requests. The bills include trying to get the \$1.3million annual cap removed from the Lottery dollars. Another way to achieve the same goal is to have the 1% cap on the Lottery dollars removed. The other bills on this page have to do with emergency management, there's a veteran's piece, economic development on the fairgrounds, COVID-related emergencies, etc. Stanley wants the Board to garner support for these House bills from the community. We drafted a letter to Vicki Breese-Iverson and would like to present this letter with community signatures. This letter is in draft form and open to edits.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Stanley Flynn:** nothing to report.

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- **Mike McCabe:** Has there been any development/info as far as the new beef barn? (None yet)
- **Mike Kasberger:** I talked with Russell at the Irrigation District and he's out until early February, which is when he will start working on our water rights transfer. We don't know how much it will cost yet. As far as the water tank that we talked about installing so we can draw water out of the flood control channel to use for dust control rather than municipal water: it's been since to an engineer in Bend and are a couple weeks away from getting that engineering to us. A potential maintenance issue is keeping moss and debris out of the pump.
- **Susie Hermreck:** nothing to report.
- **Linda Cross:** nothing to report.
- **Gail Merritt:** Christmas in the Pines update: CIP Board spent October-November putting up displays and January taking them down. Donations at the gate: over \$8,000, \$1300 memorial donation for Mike G., food donations: 4,500lbs (pet & people) + outdated food that was donated to Redemption House, counted attendance: 7,027 people.

OFFICE ASSISTANT'S REPORT - Haley

- Premium Book Ads: sold \$625 out of the \$905 as of Jan. 23. Will run through everything with Gale Clark, then send the book to print, and be able to disseminate those in February.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Casey

- (see reports tab) Nothing out of the ordinary – the semi-annual fiscal report shows projects (completed, in-process, and future), as well as performance metrics for the Fairgrounds. Revenue is at 51% and expenses are at 41%. Big revenue streams and expenses come in the summertime. (no comments or questions from the Board)

MANAGER'S REPORT - Casey

- Legislators Greg Smith and Mark Owens really pushed for funding for the Eastern Oregon counties. We will be writing a thank-you letter to them, and it will go before court and be signed by Commissioner Jerry Brummer.
- Commissioner Brummer talked to the representatives of the Colson property. They are talking amongst themselves about the property (about 20 acres) and the school district is also talking about acquiring some of that property. We have set aside some of the \$2million to acquire acreage.
- There is a grant that is due 1/31 that we are applying for to refurbish the bathrooms on the grounds.
- Cowboy bathrooms are nearly done (probably done in the next 2 weeks).
- The Gazebo is done; once the weather changes, we will stain it.
- The Indoor Arena kitchen roof and interior is currently being worked on, with all new appliances coming.
- We bought a \$20,000 grader for the skid steer for \$1,600
- The lean-to and Grizzly Mtn. Pav. expansion have both been approved and Marshall Bex is getting started on those.
- Neil McCoy contract is out to our legal staff.
- We have spent about 14.7% of the \$2million grant; \$294,750. There is about \$90,000 of the Pape money left (includes the lights Cooper Electric is working on)

ACTION ITEM(S)

1. December minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

No public comments.

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: February 13, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Daly

Gail Merritt, Chairperson

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