



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm- January 25, 2021
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on January 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Gail Merritt.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Linda Smith
- Mike McCabe
- Mike Kasberger
- Dale Cummins
- James Savage

STAFF ATTENDING

- Casey Daly, Manager
- Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant

GUESTS

- Kathy Puckett, Sales Committee
- Mark Puckett, Sales Committee
- Sheri Storey, Sales Committee
- Jared Cooper, Cooper Electric
- Marv Sumner, Crooked River Roundup
- Steve Holliday, Crooked River Roundup

MINUTES

Mike K. motioned to approve the minutes from November 16, 2020, Mike M. seconded the motion. Motion passed, minutes approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Crooked River Roundup-The fairgrounds just entered into an agreement with Pape Equipment for naming rights in the Outdoor Arena. They agreed to pay us \$350,000 in trade for 6 signs, banner at specified events, a flag has to be flown at those specified events, and the other two were at the directional signs on the highway. After discussing with ODOT, the last request doesn't seem like it will be doable. After we entered into this agreement with Pape, the Crooked River Roundup was able to view the contract and has brought a few concerns. The CRR tried to present their concerns to the County Court, but they were redirected to us. The agreement was arranged by Judge Crawford. Dale is the liaison between the fairgrounds and the CRR. He was unaware of the contract until a day before the meeting with the CRR. The contract has already been signed.

The principals of the contract are the County Court and the Pape family. The fairgrounds is not mentioned as a principal. The list of concerns presented by the CRR are legitimate, but this is an executed contract and there is not much that can be done at this point in time. At this time, because there is a fully executed contract, the best we can do is file the list of concerns with the contract so that they are documented and if there is ever a dispute then the concerns are on record. If it has not already been done, then the document needs to be submitted to the County Court just as a record of response.

- Sales Committee-Sale Location Change Request- The fair was very different last year, and the Sales Committee received a lot of positive feedback about the sale. Generally speaking, everyone would like to keep it under the pavilion tent or somewhere similar. The Sales Committee has also decided that they are not going to have animals go through the sale. They will do like they did last year and just have a picture of the animal. This helped shorten the sale by about 2 hours as well as takes away a lot of the liability issues that have always been an issue. Depending on what is able to take place next year, Casey is willing to rent a tent if the main tent is not available. The Sales Committee is agreeable to either option.
- Pape Naming Rights Agreement-One of the items that has been identified as being an issue in the Outdoor Arena are the lights in the grandstand area. Casey requested Cooper Electric to come up with an option to fix the issue. Jared Cooper presented an LED alternative with a hard plastic exterior. 10 bulbs have already been replaced so there is an opportunity for everyone to see the difference in the two products. The retro fit option is going to be around \$10,000 to upgrade. The footcandles will almost triple, the amount of electricity will be significantly reduced, and the cost to replace a bulb if it goes out is only \$10-15. The only thing that the rodeo board requested was to avoid the blue color lights.
- Electric Tractor Update-We were awarded the Electric Tractor Grant from Pacific Power. We were paired with a company during the grant writing process called Ford Mobility. They were going to be the purchasing and managing agent for the grant. We did not have a financial agreement set with them, so Eric Blaine is in the middle of trying to write the agreement with them. They will purchase the tractor, do the maintenance, and maintain the schedule and transportation of the tractor to other facilities. The charging stations were going to be included, but we have run into some government purchasing pieces that Eric wasn't comfortable with so it will be managed by the fairgrounds.

BOARD REPORTS

- Gail Merritt: Update on Christmas in the Pines. It was a very successful year. We had over 7,500 people drive through, collected 6,200 pounds of food that was given to Holiday Partnership and Choices Recovery, as well as some to the Humane Society of the Ochocos. Friday was the Oregon Fair Association Convention held by Zoom. Casey stepped into his Presidency position.
- Dale Cummins: Nothing to report.
- Linda Smith: Nothing to report.
- Mike McCabe: Nothing to report.
- James Savage: Nothing to report.
- Stanley Flynn: Absent.
- Mike Kasberger: Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports were presented to the board.

STAFF REPORT

Micaela-Nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

We were recognized by the Crook County School District as being a good partner and presented the fairgrounds with a nice plaque. We applied for a cultural coalition grant in the amount of \$4,800 and were awarded \$1,500. We applied for streaming equipment. Tent panels are here, we are just waiting on the weather to install them. The A Barn has been repaired by our volunteers. We did a site survey of the Sister's Rodeo Grounds to look at their seating. One of

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the things we were looking at was the aluminum planking for seats instead of lumber. Casey received a quote back on the cost and it would be \$98,000. We can purchase a lot of lumber for that price! The plan currently is to take all of the boards, sand them, router the edges, and replace them as needed. Update on the wind damage money. They are going to put a check in the mail for \$85,643. Thanks to James, the fairgrounds received 2 UTVs from Facebook. They are both electric. There are a few issues with them, one of them is not functioning. We are working with our Golf Cart repairman. If we are unable to get them running, we might retrofit a gas motor on it.

ACTION ITEM

Dale nominated Gail to continue on as being the chair of the fairboard. All agreed. James nominated Dale to continue on as the co-chair. All agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: February 22, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant

Gail Merritt, Chairman

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