



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm- July 15, 2019
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on July 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Gail Merritt

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Mike McCabe
- Linda Smith
- Linda Cross
- Stanley Flynn

STAFF ATTENDING

- Casey Daly, Manager
- Jerry Brummer, Commissioner
- Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant

GUESTS

MINUTES

Linda C. motioned to approve the minutes from June 17, 2019, Linda S. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, minutes approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Follow up Discussion- Mike Warren/ Jerry Brummer/Mike McCabe Meeting – Mike M., Jerry, and Casey met with Mike W. Jerry wanted to follow up after a work session where Mike W. attended. During the work session, the county court discussed options for getting a convention center built on the five acres west of Main Street (Boathouse Property). The court discussed building something there to try and gain enough revenue for the convention center but nothing built there will generate enough revenue. If we sell the land, there still won't be enough money and no land to build on so at this time the county court would like to leave the property alone and continue using it for overflow parking then look for ways to finance a new convention center in the future. The county court is all in agreement that we need a new convention center and that land is a valuable piece of property, but we need to look at alternative means to get the financing for that project. They also think it would be a great idea to build a motel/hotel to support the convention center and fairgrounds. The City of Prineville and the county have had discussions on the needs of the county including schools, pool, community hall, convention center, secondary access in Juniper Canyon, etc., in the next 30 years and how do we finance the projects. We need to work together so we are not proposing bonds at the same time. The legislature has put in \$137 million for court

house expansions however; Crook County was not included on the list so they have applied to be put back on the list. If funding were to become available, having the land to build on is vitally important.

- Fair Sponsorship – Nate from Les Schwab has agreed to sponsor fair again this year (we have established a relationship with him), Linda S. met with him, very nice guy. Linda S. also met with Home Town Animal Hospital and they are happy to support us again this year as well.
- Asphalt Crack Seal & Seal Coat Project Update – We are waiting for Scott Smith to get ahold of us to re-bed the ditch that has failed. We will have to do a walk through; the Roundup had a skid steer on the asphalt and picked up some of the crack seal. We will need to ask Tri-County to look at the damages.

BOARD REPORTS

- Gail Merritt: Gail was tasked with finding new Fairboard shirts and has done so (not easily), but they will be available at Prineville Men's Wear for fitting then they will be sent to Bullseye Logo for embroidery work. We will be doing herdsmanship throughout the barns again this year and the winning group will receive \$250 for their club. The all 4-H meeting is tomorrow and Casey will announce that it is taking place again. Gail's daughters have agreed to judge and Kurt Sloper will do it as well.
- Dale Cummins: Absent
- Linda Smith: Veterans Breakfast is wrapped up and we are in good shape. The roses are looking better! She would like to ask Jason to adjust the sprinklers to make sure they are all getting enough water. She also gave them some additional plant food that included a systemic if they have any kind of insect eating them. Micaela requested a list of sponsors for the Veterans Breakfast to list them on the daily handout and send thank you cards. Linda is going to get on the Band of Brothers agenda the week before the Veterans Breakfast to invite everyone to come as well as inform them that there will be shuttles to give rides to everyone and also if someone needs to be driven in they may do so, but then move their car back out for safety reasons. The other issue we have on Thursday morning is that showing starts really early and people drive in and then leave their vehicles throughout the day.
- Mike McCabe: Nothing to report.
- James Savage: Absent
- Stanley Flynn: Looking for additional volunteers. If every board member found just one new volunteer, that would be a great benefit.
- Linda Cross: Would like to start getting fair boards hung and any banners put up as soon as possible so as not to have to do it at the last minute. The work party will be August 3rd.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports were presented to the board.

STAFF REPORT

Micaela is working with Mark from Bullseye Logo to get volunteer t-shirts, we went with a unisex t-shirt. She would like an estimate on the different sizes to order. Tonya is back to work. Gail would like to have all the banners ordered so they can be put in place as soon as possible.

MANAGER'S REPORT

This year's races and rodeo are the last year on this contract; it ends on May 31, 2020. We will need to renegotiate the contract with the Crooked River Roundup. We need to form a committee to get this done. The landscaping on the LED sign at the entrance is done. We are still working on the LED sign for Lynn Boulevard. Casey talked to Scott Smith about future plans there so we don't have to move it. There have been discussions about pulling back Lynn Blvd. gate. Bucking chutes and the crow's nest were painted this year. The fence is finished. The Demonstration Garden is complete. Lance Romine is working on our gazebo. He said it will be done by fair. We need to come up with a couple of nominees for Volunteer of the Year. Casey has a couple of names: Jay Porter and Jim Crittenden (who works in the shop throughout the year). Gail requested copies of the Crooked River Roundup contract at the next meeting so the board can make a decision on who will be on the committee. She would also like to board to review it and decide what the fair board wishes before meeting with the Roundup. We did have a concerned citizen about our fair poster. She was concerned that it was not reflective of the demographic of our community and what is going on in the world. Commissioner Brummer also mentioned that the posters never mention the year on them, so it is difficult to determine that in later years. In San Diego, a young man died and three other fair visitors got really sick from e-coli after petting animals. There is a big push from the health department to have more signage and more hand wash stations. We have ordered 10 sandwich boards and signs to put at the different barns entrances.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: September 16, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant

Gail Merritt, Chairman