



Crook County Fair Board Minutes  
Special Fair Board Meeting: 4:00 pm, June 10th, 2025  
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The special meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on June 10th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Merritt.

**ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Mike Kasberger, Vice Chair
- Casey Kaiser
- Linda Cross
- Larry Blanton

**STAFF ATTENDING:**

Haley Crow, Administrative Assistant Sr.

**GUESTS:** Steve Holliday, Crooked River Roundup / Eric Blaine, Crook County Legal

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Consideration of approval of a Fairgrounds use agreement with the Crooked River Roundup & Fair Association for summer 2025:** Board members were given a copy of the most recent contract, including 2 changes that were made since the Fair Board last made a recommendation to Casey regarding the contract/agreement with the CRR: CRR is no longer responsible for Brandon Beers' overdue bill, and CRR no longer has to pay \$1800 damage & cleaning deposit. The most recent version also includes the use fee for the weekend barrel race/roping event the CRR added to their lineup, bringing the base rate to \$28,000 (plus the 7.5% gross sales commissions of food/beverage and alcohol).
  - Steve Holliday was not present at the most recent CRR board meeting, where the CRR board voted to NOT allow Holliday to sign the contract at the \$28,000 base rent rate. Therefore, Holliday cannot sign the contract as-is. He noted that the CRR board of directors feared the \$28,000 becoming standard for future contracts, rather than the \$25,500. He notes a tentative agreement with the City of Prineville in the form of a cash sponsorship of \$2,500 which would cover the difference. Holliday also plans to ask for a financial contribution from the County. Holliday says he will pay \$2,500 out of his own pocket if needed.
  - Larry Blanton verifies with Holliday that the CRR insurance covers the added-on barrel racing/roping event, and that the CRR will direct traffic to avoid pulling parking spaces or adding trailer traffic to the Rockhound Pow Wow event. Eric Blaine confirms that if the barrel racing/roping event is the Crooked River Roundup's event, then the current insurance policy works.
  - Eric Blaine lets the Fair Board know that the signature block on the contract could be changed. If the CRR doesn't mind that the County signature block only includes one signor, then the contract wouldn't have to hold a special meeting to have the Commissioners sign as well (getting this meeting in place before the 18<sup>th</sup> is unlikely). Casey as Fairgrounds manager could sign this contract, but with

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Casey out of town, County Manager Will Van Vactor could sign. Holliday says the CRR does not care if the signature block changes.

- Larry Blanton motions to adopt the contract as written, only changing the dollar amount to \$25,500 and the signature block to include a single signor from the County, Casey Kaiser seconds, motion carries unanimously.
  - *Eric Blaine passed the modified contract to all Fair Board members and Steve Holliday to confirm the correct changes were made before Fair Board members began voting. Holliday initials the changes.*

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Mike McCabe (not present)	-	-	-
Mike Kasberger	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Cross	X		
(open seat)			

- **Consideration of approval authority on behalf of the Crook County Fair Board:** Mike Kasberger motions to appoint Gail Merritt to be able to sign the Crooked River Roundup contract on behalf of the Fair Board, Linda Cross seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Mike McCabe (not present)	-	-	-
Mike Kasberger	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Cross	X		
(open seat)			

- **Public Comment:** none
- Mike K motions to adjourn the meeting, Casey Kaiser seconds; the motion carries unanimously.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Mike McCabe (not present)	-	-	-
Mike Kasberger	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Mike McCabe	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Cross	X		
(open seat)			

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

- a. The Fair Board voted to delegate the signing of the Crooked River Roundup contract on behalf of the Fair Board to Gail Merritt.

- b.** The Fair Board voted to approve the CRR use agreement as written, changing only the base rent to \$25,500 and the signature block to only include one signor from the County.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Next regular meeting: June 21, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Haley Crow  
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