



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm, June 26, 2023
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on June 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

STAFF ATTENDING

- Casey Daly, Manager
- Haley Crow, Office Assistant

GUESTS

- N/A

MINUTES

Linda C. motions to approve the minutes from May 18, 2023; Mike K. seconds the motion. Motion carries; minutes are approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Master Plan Updates (Casey):** We have been in discussion with MIG about our Master Plan and it has been on hold for several months waiting out the possible purchase of the Colson property. Commissioner Brummer asked me ask the Fair Board how you feel about the idea of still purchasing some of the property at the price the Colsons want (\$78k/acre). We are wanting about 20 acres, and we have about \$1.1M available. There is a philanthropic arm of the Colsons that might be worth talking to.
 - **The Fair Board wants to continue exploring ways to purchase the 20 acres from the Colsons.**
- **Proposed Livestock Barn Update (Casey):** Dennis Hildebrand and the group wanting to build the new barn has decided to hold be build off for at least a year, but wants to ask the Board if we wanted to post a sign that informs the public that a new barn is coming.
 - **The Fair Board will put up a sign, but the sign needs to have a drawing and plenty of information on it.**

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Stanley:** Susie, Linda, and I will be organizing the volunteers this year.

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- **Mike K:** The water tank got finished last week and Gus Abbas decided to donate the pump. We need to thank him formally and create a banner for him to display during Fair.
- **Mike M, Susie, Linda S, Linda C, Gail:** n/a

OFFICE ASSISTANT REPORT - Haley

- **Fair prep updates:** first draft of the Fair schedule is done
- **Fair & Volunteer Shirts:** if the Board approves, I will go ahead and order the Fair and Volunteer T-shirts
- **Abbas Thank-You:** Please sign the thank-you so I can send it to them.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Casey

We are about \$184,000 short of our budgeted goals; we have spent 845k to date, with Grizzly Mountain Pavilion being our one outstanding project. Most of the cost for the tank project was putting the pipe in at the headgate.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Casey

We have received the contract for the \$277k for the jockey room updates. The first draw will be \$50k. We will get half of the money this year and then half next year, as the funds are tied to bond sales this past May and next May. OFA winter conference is going to be in October or November.

Of the six bills, HB3410 is the only one that passed and is funding for fairgrounds that lost money during COVID. If split amongst Oregon counties it comes out to \$85k/piece, but we will likely need to show that we lost money. The Pioneer Queens, volunteers, and any Fair Board members are welcome to ride on our people mover for the 4th of July parade at 10am.

The manager from Clatsop County came to the rodeo (bought our Rodeo package from the OFA convention) and took a tour of the Fairgrounds and had a great time.

ACTION ITEM(S)

1. May minutes were approved.
 - a. New rates: The Fairgrounds in relation to other similar entities had very low rates. The Rates & Fees committee met and decided that it was time to raise prices by 20% across the board (rates had not been changed since 2017). Historically we have given non-profits and businesses a break in rates, and those have been removed to settle on one rate no matter who is booking the facility. The Bereavement rate will stay at \$150/event. Alcohol will still be banned from all private parties.
 - b. **Mike K motions to start enforcing the new rates as proposed on July 1st, 2023. Susie seconds the motion; the motion carries.**

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

No public comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: July 17, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Daly

Gail Merritt, Chairperson

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