



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
 Fair Board Meeting: 5:30 pm, March 16th, 2026
 1280 S. Main St., Prineville, OR 97754
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on March 16th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

STAFF ATTENDING

Casey Daly, Manager

Parker Gales, Administrative Assistant Sr.

GUESTS: Angela Ostrander (via zoom)

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Kasberger motions to approve the minutes from February 9th, 2025, regular Fair Board meeting, Smith seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		

- **Public Comment: none**
- **Letter of Support towards Rual Oregon Community Foundation:** Daly states that ROCF, previously known as the Crooked River Roundup Foundation, is looking for support from the Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds facilities host the Boots and Roots event, and a fundraiser dinner for raising money for scholarships for students.
 - Kasberger motions to approve Gail Merritt signing the Letter of Support for the ROCF, Kaiser seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		

Larry Blanton	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		

- **State of Oregon Legislative Updates:** Daly talks about the two bills passed by the state that affect the fairgrounds. Bill 1601 passed that moved our 1% cap of lottery dollars, we will get a full 1% of the lottery dollars, which could be upwards of \$250,000. Bill 5204 passed, which now gives 1 million dollars to each of the five counties that host Horse Racing, this is to be used for upkeep of the area in which the horses are kept/racetrack, maintenance of the facilities, and well being of horses. There will be an IGA that will need to be signed, when that comes the fairgrounds will create a committee to discuss the money that is going to the county.
- **Facebook Grant and Crooked River Roundup Foundation Grant:** The CRRF awarded the Fairgrounds 40 new pens to use during Fair, CRRF is working with the local Wilco to get those here before Fair time. The Fairgrounds applied and received a META Grant for \$15,000 to use in the Carey Foster Hall, to bring new AV equipment to be used in the hall.
- **Fairgrounds Bathroom Project Updates:** Daly states that we are around \$99,000 spent of the budget, which is slightly less than 1/2 of our budget at this time, which will finish up the 1st phase of the bathrooms and moving into the 2nd phase.

REPORTS:

- **Board Member Reports:**
 - **Jennifer Cummins:** none
 - **Casey Kaiser:** none
 - **Linda Cross:** none
 - **Mike Kasberger:** none
 - **Gail Merritt:** none
- **Larry Blanton:** Blanton thanks Bex Construction for all they have done for this remodel. Blanton talks about the phases for breaking up the project for the Indoor Arena Bathrooms and as well as moving to the Outdoor Cowboy Bathrooms and helping those.
- **Linda Smith:** Smith talks about the sponsorships she has gotten so far, \$3500 has been set sponsors and Smith is talking with more.
- **Administrative Assistant Report (Parker Gales):** Gales speaks about the ask from the Junior Miss Oregon Rodeo Queen, in which she requested to be supported with a donation of a yearly family indoor riding pass. Gales talked about how the indoor arena is only open 6 months out of the year due to events that take place. The board offered a 6-month family riding pass to be given to the Queen.
 - Kasberger motions to put \$540 donation towards a 6-month family riding pass for the Junior Miss Oregon Rodeo Queen, Blanton seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		

- **Financial Report (Daly):** In the board members’ binding section.
- **Manager’s Report (Daly):** Daly speaks
- Kaiser motions to adjourn the meeting, Kasberger seconds; the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Casey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Linda Smith	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		

ACTION ITEM(S):

- The Board voted to approve February 9th, 2026, Fair Board Meeting minutes.
- The Board voted to approve the signing of the letter of support for the ROCF
- The Board voted to approve the donation of a 6-month family riding pass for the Jr. Miss Oregon Rodeo Queen
- The Board voted to approve adjourn the meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Next regular meeting: Monday, April 20th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Parker Gales
04/07/26