



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting: 5:30 pm, March 17th, 2025
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on March 17th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

STAFF ATTENDING

Casey Daly, Manager

Haley Crow, Administrative Assistant Sr.

GUESTS: Angela Ostrander, Justin Alderman (Prineville Review)

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Stanley motions to approve the minutes from the February 10th, 2025 regular Fair Board meeting, Larry seconds the motion, the motion carries. Linda Cross abstains due to being absent for that meeting.

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

- No public comment.

- **Crooked River Roundup Contract Renewal Discussion (Casey Daly):** My recommendation: \$30k base rent with a planned increase over 2 years to get to the \$37,701 which is the rate the regular public rental would pay. 5% of alcohol and food & beverage that can be used for future capital improvement projects (the original proposal from the Fairgrounds was 10% of alcohol and food & beverage). The Roundup currently has a credit of \$8,604 for projects from the previous contract. My recommendation: let them apply that credit to the barn they built last year or any future projects for 2025. The committee that met with the Roundup said that the CRR proposed a \$25k base rent and 5% of alcohol & food.

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- Mike K, who is on the Roundup negotiations committee, notes that the CRR would like to use the same contract as last year, essentially, but with a slight increase based on CPI. Casey K notes that Daly’s proposal lies somewhere in the middle between where the CRR would like to be, and where the Fair Board originally talked about wanting to be. Casey K feels the most important thing to him is that we get the base rent of around \$30k, and that the base rent is not available for capital improvement projects.
- Daly clarifies that the \$37,701 number is the result of adding all the set-up days, event days, etc. at the regular, published rental rates.
- Blanton recommends that there is language in the contract about bids and procurement policies, so they are aware of those stipulations. Once we get the money from the CRR, it becomes public dollars and the “County’s project”.
- The Board suggests a special meeting to get the contract solidified as soon as possible. Kaiser notes that the contract must also go through the legal team, so that will add more time to the process, and Daly says he can invite Eric Blaine to the special meeting.
- Blanton motions to have the CRR Negotiations Committee take Daly’s recommendation back to the CRR for further negotiations, Kasberger seconds, the motion carries. Daly will try to make a special meeting happen in the first two weeks of April.

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

- **Board Member Reports:**

- **Casey Kaiser:** none
- **Linda Cross:** none
- **Larry Blanton:** none
- **Mike Kasberger:** none
- **Stanley Flynn:** none
- **Gail Merritt:** none

- **Administrative Assistant Report (Haley Crow):** Fair updates: currently working on Premium Book, hoping to have that go to print in April / Michael Estes would like to do Sheep Shearing again, on Friday afternoon, and will donate money for the “dog tent” that they will be using for the event; High Desert Wool Growers may be setting up an educational piece with demos and wool products to go with the shearing event / Health Dept. will be back with the same services as last year, but will be part of the vendor lineup on the grass / Forest Service/BLM will bring Smokey the Bear and do a morning story time, plus bring a fire truck and do an educational portion about the vehicle and how to mitigate fires / Parks & Rec is going to help with running a lawn game or event such as tug-o-war or sack races / I am meeting soon with Sean from the Bowman Museum to see if the Rancher’s Memorial will be open, and how else we can partner for Fair / Library will be back / Produce Derby is new this year / 20 vendors have signed up so far / draft of the sponsor letter is in the “Discussions tab” and I will be sending those out later this month
 - *Linda Cross would like us to save a spot in the pig show ring for Burger Love. Haley will email her the information.*
 - *Daly says Linda Smith is more than willing to help with the Veteran’s Breakfast at Fair and is waiting to hear from Linda Cross about details.*

- **Financial Report (Casey Daly):** Latest financials under the “Reports” tab. No discussion or questions from the Board. We have reduced about \$97k in the Fair Budget for this year.
- **Manager’s Report (Casey Daly):** [Indoor Arena] kitchen roof is finally repaired; no more leaks / I will be attending Fair College in Clackamas County this week and meet in Salem to lobby for the [House] bills / RFP for liquor service provider is out, and the deadline is April 30th at 5:00pm and we will be looking for board members to serve on the committee for that selection process / Senator Ron Wyden will be at the Fairgrounds tomorrow at 1:00 in GMP / there were 5 non-revenue generating events in March: Senator’s meeting, OHSET, City Police/Sherriff ORPAT testing, Red Cross blood drive, 4-H beef weigh-ins / the new picnic tables (metal with composite top) are being assembled; we still need to buy 2 handicap-accessible tables
- Mike K motions to adjourn the meeting, Linda Cross seconds; the motion carries.

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

ACTION ITEM(S):

- The Board voted to approve the February 10, 2025 regular board meeting minutes.
- The Board votes to approve Daly’s recommendation for the Crooked River Roundup contract, and to have the committee proceed with negotiations.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Haley Crow

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