



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm, May 18, 2023
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on May 18th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

STAFF ATTENDING

- Casey Daly, Manager

GUESTS

- Friends of Crook County Fairgrounds – Dennis Hildebrand
- Crooked River Roundup – Jason Snider
- Sheena York

MINUTES

Linda C motions to approve the minutes from April 17, 2023; Linda S seconds the motion. Motion carries; minutes are approved. No public comment.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Friends of Crook County Fairgrounds (Dennis Hildebrand):** *[There is a 2-page document in the "Discussions" tab of the Fair Board binders]* Construction is being pushed out to August of 2024. Commissioner Jerry Brummer is going to meet with the legal counsel to go over some questions we have, such as: are we going to have a general contractor or several subcontractors? Getting the county to approve the building, and then working out a relationship with the county/fairgrounds once the building is finished is another topic. The working plans should be ready in the next couple weeks.

- **Crooked River Roundup (Jason Snider):** Feedback from rodeo folks since the new dirt was added to the Outdoor Arena has been pretty good. After all the rain, it's a matter of working the dirt enough to get it to where we want it to be and try to keep it level and maintained. We have a couple loads of dirt that can be donated for the pens after they are pulled/stripped. Was there discussion about irrigating the infield? *(Casey: There will be irrigation from the new tank that will water the infield)* We are going to replace the verticals on the buckin' chutes. I got a wood chips source if there are holes to fill. We'd like to put gravel in the stock pens.
- **Sheena York (beverage services at Fair):** I would like to provide alcohol services at this year's Fair, I just want to confirm the dates and see if you had any feedback for me. *[The Board wants to have Sheena back for this year's Fair]*

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Stanley:** Linda C & I went to the High School career fair and we signed up 62 people to be potential volunteers. In July, Linda & Susie will contact those kids to see if they will actually volunteer.
- **Mike K:** I talked to the irrigation district and they've gone to their board and they're agreeing to half price on the water rights, so \$500 per acre. We will proceed with that. We started on the water tank project; we have the supply lines in and are working on the concrete base. It's probably another month away from being completed. Bartlett needs to get their stuff cleared out so we can use that area for parking.
- **Susie:** I went to the Pacific International in Madras, and I know we used to have it here – is there a way we can get it back? *[Casey: the move to Madras was initially temporary, to avoid the Roundup events. I think there will be date conflicts for the next 4 years.]*
- **Linda S:** Haley and I got our food vendors list in shape, and there is plenty of room for 45+ other vendors.
- **Linda C:** Where are we on the fees committee? *[Casey: Haley will contact people about that]*
- **Gail:** Boards have been delivered to the schools that wanted to participate.

OFFICE ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Haley *[Casey]*

- Fair poster distribution will come up soon. We are in discussion with Capri from Your Round-Up to discuss advertisements for Fair... She is working on designing the food vouchers. There are t-shirt designs to discuss.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Casey

- We have 30 days left on our current budget. No big surprises with the financials. Below the report is the \$2m report that is up to date. We have spent \$677,878.76. The Jockey Room grant (bond sale closed May 9th for \$277,777) will come in chunks. The first piece is a \$50k draw. The other funds to renovate the other bathrooms on the property is still in the legislative process.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Casey

- The skid steer needed a \$14k repair.
- We lost a metric wheel baring on the TYM tractor and are seeing if we can get it repaired here in town.
- OFA winter conference will be in either Deschutes or Washing County in late October/early November.
- The sprinkler system for Grizzly will be an additional \$75k and was approved in County Court.

ACTION ITEM(S)

1. April minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

No public comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: June 19, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Daly

Gail Merritt, Chairperson