



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm- November 18, 2019
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on November 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Gail Merritt

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- James Savage
- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Stanley Flynn
- Linda Smith
- Linda Cross

STAFF ATTENDING

- Casey Daly, Manager
- Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant

GUESTS

- Patrick Drinkard
- Linda McDonald, Swire Coca Cola
- David Thiessen, Swire Coca Cola

MINUTES

Linda C. motioned to approve the minutes from October 16, 2019, Stanley F. seconded the motion. Motion passed, Gail Merritt abstained, minutes approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Crooked River Roundup-No new items to report
- Patrick Drinkard-Indoor Arena Benefit Rodeo-Last year, Patrick held a benefit bull riding for the Ware family on the 29th of December and he is planning on doing another one on the 28th of December this year. He is requesting that the fair board donate the arena fee and alcohol commission as all proceeds are going to the Hagen family and the Wells family. The fairgrounds would be listed as a main sponsor of the event. The Hagen family's daughter, Bristol, was diagnosed with leukemia. Clint and Jessica Wells, in 2017, Jessica had breast cancer and beat it and now she has brain cancer. They have three kids. **James S. motioned to waive the arena fee and alcohol commission for the "Buckin' for Hope" event on December 28, 2019. Stanley seconded. Motion carries.** Patrick will let Casey know about the security company. Gail had a concern about the Christmas in the Pines displays; she just wants to make sure that the people parking are conscientious about the displays to avoid breakage. Patrick will provide insurance. Micaela will get him a contract.

- Linda McDonald Swire Coca Cola-David Thiessen provided a presentation on Swire Coca Cola for a possible future partnership with the fairgrounds. Please see presentation for additional information. They would be willing to work with us on the exclusivity year-round and the different events. The information will be given to the absent board members and then the board will make a decision on whether to move forward or not. Linda and David are willing to return to give a presentation on the proposal. We currently do not have anything in place that is similar to this partnership. The fair board can amend the contracts to state that products must be purchased from Swire Coca Cola. There was no set duration; however, it sounds like it can either be a year or multiple years. Casey would like to ask for some fair references from them to follow up with.
- 2020 Fair Theme-The board was not ready to vote on this, so it has been pushed off until the December meeting. Casey will send out the fair themes to the board members and they will send back their top three to vote on in December.

BOARD REPORTS

- Gail Merritt: Nothing to report.
- Dale Cummins: Absent.
- Linda Smith: Nothing to report.
- Mike McCabe: Absent.
- James Savage: Nothing to report.
- Stanley Flynn: Nothing to report.
- Linda Cross: Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports were presented to the board.

STAFF REPORT

Nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Crooked River Roundup contract update: the committee met with the county attorney on Thursday after meeting with the Roundup (they were dumbfounded by our proposal). The Roundup was very supportive of our proposal. The attorney is going to work on the contract and get it back to us. The CRR is going to have their annual kickoff party on February 8, 2020 in the Indoor Arena. We will be their guests rather than help produce the event. We will be supporting the CRR Queen, Emily McDaniel this year. It has been mentioned about doing a different coronation party for her a little later in the year. OFA winter conference is January 9-12. We had a float in the Veteran's Day parade, the Pioneer Queens joined us. The Veterans Appreciation Dinner is Wednesday, November 20th. Christmas Parade is on November 30th with lineup starting at 4:30. We will be lined up towards the front to allow Christmas in the Pines volunteers to get back to the fairgrounds and open their event. There is a pig show that is happening starting on the 29th of November going through the 1st. It is during the first drive thru so we are going to have to try and keep everyone in their respective areas. Casey had his first conference call with Laura Schmitt from MIG, the company that is working with the city and Parks & Rec on the master plan. The city would like us involved and be a part of this master plan. The city is going to pay for part of it and the county has agreed to pay the remaining. It is around \$30,000. The benefits of this are that we will have a stand-alone master plan that is

professionally done. It will help in grant writing. The plan is to have Laura sit down with each board member and get assessments of needs, wants, what is working and not working, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: December 16, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant

Gail Merritt, Chairman