



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm, November 21, 2022
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on November 21st, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

STAFF ATTENDING

- Casey Daly, Manager
- Haley Crow, Office Assistant

GUESTS

- Jason Snider
- Steve Holiday
- Jeff Papke

MINUTES

Linda C. motions to approve the minutes from October 17, 2022; Mike K. seconds the motion. Motion carries; minutes are approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Crooked River Roundup (Jason Snider, Steve Holiday, Jeff Papke)**
 - **Jason:** (Gives out a packet including Board Members and Rodeo report) New board members' information is included. Rodeo ideas/projects in the works: making Rodeo 4 or 5 days instead of 3 (better for contestants, CRR staff/volunteers, and the public), having ~12 barrel racers each night rather than all of them on Friday night (better for the racers, grounds, and easier to facilitate them coming from Reno), chart showing growth in contestants since 2017 (looking at 550-600 contestants for 2023), 10-year spread from 2012-present showing the growth of the Rodeo, increasing payouts to keep contestants here, moving steer roping to Wednesday or spread over 3 days (have to consider flights to Redmond, travel time, etc... will help grow contestants in that competition), getting the outdoor arena crowned with ~2,000yds native rock/soil material (looking at a few soil samples to

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determine how the soil structure will marry to what is already in the arena, choosing native material will reduce cost of import... there's about 200 tons according to Jake Bartlett). **Casey:** outdoor arena lights are on the agenda for the County Court meeting tomorrow morning.

- **Steve:** Had a great meeting with Casey; would like to do a walkthrough of the facility before preparing a game plan for upcoming projects.
- **Jason:** Any interest lately in roping? **Casey:** Yes, but there seems to be a lack of cattle. Wednesday nights historically have been set aside for roping.
- **Jeff:** Going forward with a new board of officers, how can we be good tenants and what are the expectations for us as tenants? How can we leverage resources to help the fairgrounds and make this a premier facility? We now have a better understanding of the process of completing projects and want to improve lines of communication. February 9th, CRR is hosting a Chamber of Commerce After Hours at Wild Ride. We want to be more present in this community and promote what we do year-round.
- **Proposed County Boards and Committees Application Process**
 - **Casey:** The judge and commissioners have put together a standard plan of filling board positions. This policy states that if there is an opening, it will be advertised in the Central Oregonian and the Round-Up for 30 days, any applications will come to the County Administrator, then the application will come to me and then be distributed to the Board. The interview(s) will be set up and then conducted like we have done in the past. The Fair Board then makes a recommendation to the County Court. Any current board member who wants to be reappointed must go through the same process (possible issue: not having quorum).
 - **Casey:** Mike M & Mike K must abstain from voting tonight.
- **Master Plan Concepts**
 - **Casey:** There is a packet that has gone out to the Board for feedback. MIG knows that discussions about the Colson property are taking place, and some of the plans need to be revamped with that in mind. This plan also doesn't include the racetrack. This is not ready to be released to the public. Casey Keiser is also reviewing these plans. I will keep you abreast of any changes when I hear back from MIG and Casey Keiser, and then we'll see who to make this plan available to next. (or flat out reject the concept that eliminates the racetrack)

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Gail Merritt:** nothing to report.
- **Stanley Flynn:** nothing to report.
- **Mike McCabe:** Casey and I were able to go to the Association of Oregon Counties meeting. One topic of discussion was if the Oregon Lottery were to give us the 1% without the cap (right now is \$53,000 every year), we would get an additional \$350,00 per year. **Casey:** another point is securing capital funding. We would like the Lottery money to be managed through the Oregon Fairs Association.
- **Mike Kasberger:** Parade wagons are done and will debut on Saturday night during the Christmas parade. The high school welding departments built them, Mark Westwood painted them, Bend Tarp & Liner put the lids on them, Jesse Fuller wired them, the Fairgrounds staff & volunteers decked them and got them ready.
- **Linda Smith:** I talked to Mike at Gary Gruner Chevrolet and they agreed to be the platinum sponsor for next year's Fair.
- **Linda Cross:** nothing to report.

OFFICE ASSISTANT REPORT

Haley: Linda and I sat down and talked about sponsorships for next year Fair. We chose to make every sponsorship have its own amount for clarity, we added details and exactly how many we can feasibly accommodate. There are some new ones in there.. This is a working document so please share any edits/comments/suggestions.

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We will do the first sponsorship push in January, and then a second push in May. The premium book ads will likely be for sale in January, and the book going to print shortly after. Ribbons have been ordered. Christmas in the Pines playlist is ready, the last few ads will be recorded Wednesday and then the playlist will be finalized.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Casey: In the report tab are the October financials. The one highlight is that we don't know where the money for the roof repair will come from. I filed for an emergency budget adjustment so the County will kick in my materials and services, but I have a feeling it will come out of the \$2. That's why we decided to not go to Western Fairs convention. Any questions on the financials?

MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Casey:** Tomorrow we are going to ask for the John Deere tractor approval, a used skid steer approval, a used roller approval, the 40 livestock pens, phase 2 of the outdoor arena lighting (out of the Pape money, not the \$2), roof replacement of the indoor arena kitchen, and the sheet rock and painting of the indoors. The cowboy bathrooms will eventually be renovated. There are two bids out right now, one is for the lean-to off the shop and the other is for the expansion of Grizzly.
- The gazebo is completely done. We are still contemplating doing a solar panel to run and LED for light inside of it.
- We met with our booking agents Tammy and Pat and we have narrowed it down to Colin Ray or Neil McCoy. The next big hurdle is how many kids activities we want to commit to for this year. There will be no carnival as far as I can tell right now... We are going to start having breakfast with Jefferson and Deschutes County fair managers and we may be able to leverage Jeff from Deschutes to send a couple rides to us after their fair.
- As far as the Crooked River Roundup goes, going forward they will need to do a walkthrough, outline the project they plan to complete and get it approved by the Fair Board in order for us to refund them.

ACTION ITEM(S)

1. October minutes were approved.
2. Fair Board Member applicants Mike McCabe and Mike Kasberger were approved. For 3-year terms, as presented.

FAIR BOARD APPLICANTS

Stanley makes the motion to accept the Fair Board applications for Mike McCabe and Mike Kasberger for 3-year terms, as presented. Linda Cross seconds. The motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

No public comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: December 19, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Daly

Gail Merritt, Chairman

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