



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm- October 18, 2021
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on October 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Gail Merritt.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chairman
- Linda Smith
- Mike Kasberger
- Mike McCabe
- James Savage
- Dale Cummins

STAFF ATTENDING

- Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant
- Casey Daly, Manager

GUESTS

- None

MINUTES

Dale C. motioned to approve the minutes from September 20, 2021, Mike K. seconded the motion. Motion passed; minutes approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Crooked River Roundup-No one in attendance. The invoice has been sent and we have received the commission from their alcohol sales. The CRR is trying to put together an amount of the things that they improved this year so that we could take that off their bill. We credit them for work done.
- Fair Judges Fees/Expenses – A couple of weeks ago, Casey met with 4-H, FFA, and Open Class leadership to discuss fair judges' fees and expenses. It has been an ongoing battle with a lot of the fairs on how much the judges are paid and what expenses are paid for. The concerns that were brought up were that they are not seeing the quality of judges that they would like to see. The fairgrounds pay for all the judges' fees, and the judges are picked by the 4-H, FFA, and the superintendents. We have a set fee that the judges are paid per day, mileage, and we have negotiated a room rate with Best Western for the judges. We also try to feed them when they are here with our provided lunches. A spreadsheet with the breakdown of the counties in Oregon and what they pay was provided to the fair board. Currently, we are not in the bottom, and we are not in the top. We don't want to lose sight of the fact that this is a county fair and is educational for the kids. It is not a

jackpot show. Casey and Micaela put together an average of what we currently pay, mileage, the current county per diem amount, and the motel room amount. The average of what we currently pay is \$300. There were a couple of groups that wanted to do fundraising to get better judges, and Casey said that was ok, but that it would be evenly distributed amongst all the judges. The thought that Casey and Micaela had was to pay judges \$300 per day and we would book their room and pay for it. Logistically, it would be easier for the staff if we did it this way rather than having an itemized payout. **Dale motioned to do a flat rate judges' fee of \$300 per day for the 2022 fair and revisit it after the fair to see if it affects things positively or negatively. Mike M. seconded. All in favor, motion carries.**

BOARD REPORTS

- Gail Merritt: Christmas in the Pines has started to setup and there are work parties on Saturday and Wednesdays.
- Dale Cummins: There was a Hispanic rodeo this past weekend and it got out of hand resulting in 3 DUIs. They obviously overserved, plus the reports go to OLCC. Dale is going to call OLCC and ask them to come to one of these events to make sure everything is in order.
- Linda Smith: Linda's term ends this year, and she will be reupping. Brandi Ebner sent her an email and she will be contracted back with Deschutes County to be their vendor coordinator. Brandi would like to get together and discuss how to get the vendors to go from one place to the other next year. Brian from Jefferson County stated that they have moved their fair up a week, but he was interested in having a meeting like that as well. They are going to get together after the first of the year. Dale suggested contacting the Corndog company.
- James Savage: Filled out the paperwork to stay on the fair board for another term.
- Stanley Flynn: Absent.
- Mike Kasberger: Nothing to report.
- Mike McCabe: Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports were presented to the fair board.

STAFF REPORT

Micaela- Stanley would like to fairgrounds to participate in the candy crawl. It will be on 4th street so if anyone is available on the 30th to hand out candy that would be great.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Dennis Ralls' house and the SAR building have had the exterior painted. 3rd Street Flooring has come out and measured for the tile flooring in the SAR building. James Wilson is going to put in a server rack from the main area into the office that will be used by law enforcement. We are going to get a new door for that space to secure it. We need to come up with a name for that building. We also need to determine an amount to rent it out for. The boat house across the street also got painted. We have a graphics company working on some designs for the windows. There will also be a sign that says, "Welcome to the fairgrounds" that hangs off the pole. The letters in support of moving the check dam have been delivered to Ochoco Irrigation District. Mike K. will design the check dam that we are proposing. The RV update for the infield is that we are waiting for Pacific Power to give us a quote. Premium book edits are due November 26th and we will get the book out after that. The sign on Lynn Boulevard is installed. We are waiting for James Wilson to add it to the public safety network. Harvest Party and the Crook County Stockgrowers canceled so we are continuing to lose events due to Covid restrictions. Western Fairs Association is in Reno January 15th – 18th. So far Gail, Mike M., Stanley, and Linda have indicated that they would like to go. Oregon Fairs Association Conference is February 6-9 at the state fairgrounds. The open position that the fairgrounds has for a facility coordinator has been put on hold for 60 days and then it will be reposted. There were not that many applicants and only one interview that the interview panel determined the person was not a good fit for the position.

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ACTION ITEM

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: November 15, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant

Gail Merritt, Chairman

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