Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting: 5:30 pm, October 19th, 2026
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on October 19th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Linda Cross
- Casey Kiaser
- Larry Blanton

STAFF ATTENDING
Casey Daly, Manager

GUESTS: Commissioner Hermreck, Angela Ostrander

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Blanton motions to approve the minutes from September 21st, 2026, regular Fair Board meeting, Cross seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	"Yes" Vote	"No" Vote	Abstains
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Casey Kiser	X		
Larry Blanton	X		

- **Public Comment:**

- **2027 Fair Dates and Hours of Operation:** Daly opens with a recap of the previous months statement about fair operation hours. The fairgrounds received some feedback from fair goers that it would be nice to have fair open earlier on Wednesday with the 4H animals show starting and keeping fair open later. The times of operations for fair would be 10am to 10pm, and would need to adjust the contract for vendors and set-up.

- Cross motions to officially kick off Fair at 10am on Wednesdays from now on, Blanton seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	"Yes" Vote	"No" Vote	Abstains
Gail Merritt	X		

Linda Cross	X		
Casey Kiser	X		
Larry Blanton	X		

- **2027 Fair Parking Operations Management:** Daly states that he has been working on getting in contact and having conversations with businesses that handle parking and management for large events, including Fairs in Oregon. Daly will continue the conversations and report back.

REPORTS:

- **Board Member Reports:**
  - **Gail Merritt:** none
  - **Linda Cross:** none
  - **Casey Kaiser:** none
  - **Larry Blaton:** none
- **Administrative Assistant Report (Parker Gales):** none
- **Financial Report (Daly):** In the board members' binding section under financials.
- **Manager's Report (Daly):** Daly attended the Oregon Fairs Association Conference the previous weekend. Daly had conversations at the conference about the lottery cap that was removed, and some other topics about funding. Daly was approached at conference by an all-girls rodeo that are interested in performing during our fair, Daly is waiting on a call to speak more about it with the group.
- Kiser motions to adjourn the meeting, Blanton seconds; the motion carries.

Board Member	"Yes" Vote	"No" Vote	Abstains
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Casey Kiser	X		

ACTION ITEM(S):

a. The Board voted to approve September 21st, 2026, Fair Board Meeting minutes.
b. The Board voted to approve officially kicking off fair at 10am on Wednesday from now on.
c. The Board voted to approve adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.

Next regular meeting: Monday, November 16th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Parker Gales
11/03/26