Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting: 5:30 pm, September 21st, 2026
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on September 21st, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Miike Kasberger, Vice Chair
- Linda Cross
- Casey Kiaser
- Jennifer Cummins
- Larry Blanton

STAFF ATTENDING

Casey Daly, Manager Parker Gales, Admin Assistant Sr.

GUESTS: Commissioner Susan Hermerck, Bob Ervin

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Blanton motions to approve the minutes from July 20th, 2026, regular Fair Board meeting, Kasberger seconds the motion, the motion carries.

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

- **Public Comment:** Bob Ervin spoke as a vendor at fair that he also agreed with the option of starting earlier for fair but liked the 9pm end time for vendors, including that maybe the entertainment could have a different end time then the vendors.

- **Fair Start Date and Closing Hours:** Daly states that the feedback we got for fair was that with the livestock shows starting early Wednesday, people are wanting fair booths and rides to also be open. Daly wanted to start the conversation with the board about starting fair Wednesday morning for vendors and carnival. Daly talks about how fair being opened sooner would help with some public feedback, as they would enjoy being able to go to the livestock shows and be able to see fair

opened as well. With this discussion brought some questions and after discussion the start date and hours were tabled for the next meeting to be decided further.

- **Parking Management:** Daly states that though we had the parking attendants, people still choose to park wherever. We have a few options in the parking options, including moving all the carnival staff to camp where the parking is behind where the carnival will be, then using all of the area across the street near the boat house as parking. Using the big red people movers to help shuttle people, as well as still using the golf cart shuttles. Daly also talks about the possibility of bringing in a professional paid parking company to help with parking and management of vehicles, they would give us a quote after coming to our site to see what we have. The fair would still like to find a way for the NRJOTC to be there and help so that we can continue to support their program and the community. After discussion the Fair Board would like Daly to get some quotes for parking company for 2027 fair.
- **Volunteers vs. paid staff:** Daly states that there are some things that may need to have a paid staff due to the lack of volunteers we have and keeping areas, we need running and staffed during all hours of fair.

REPORTS:

- **Board Member Reports:**
  - **Gail Merritt:** none
  - **Mike Kasberger:**
  - **Linda Cross:** none
  - **Casey Kaiser:** none
  - **Jennifer Cummins:** none
  - **Larry Blaton:** none

  - **Mike Kasberger:** Kasberger had a meeting with Russell Roden from the irrigation district regarding the water rights the fairgrounds purchased. To complete the purchase, we must show that we are willing to use the water rights where the fairgrounds have mapped, and show the water being used and sent to Ochoco Irrigation District, they will get back to the fairgrounds on the final answer.

- **Administrative Assistant Report (Parker Gales):** Gales stated that at a recent tourism meeting she attended that there was some interest in local groups including the ODF, and Rockhounds that would be interested in volunteering for shifts when they can as well for next year's fair.

- **Financial Report (Daly):** In the board members' binding section under financials.

- **Manager's Report (Daly):** Daly spoke about some of the events that had happened at the fairgrounds, including a fire camp and volunteer BBQ for fair. Daly spoke with a local teacher about a sign being welded for the Kennedy Filed sign, that the fairgrounds would cover the cost of materials for the students to make it and that the teacher would get back to Daly. Daly spoke with Revel Pro who quoted $3200 to buy the panels to place in the Carey Foster Hall, to help with the echoing of the sound in the hall, opened it up to the Fair Board to think about the install of the panels. Daly also spoke about the three non-revenue generating events at the fairgrounds.

- Kasberger motions to adjourn the meeting, Cummins seconds; the motion carries.

Board Member	"Yes" Vote	"No" Vote	Abstains
Gail Merritt	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		
Linda Cross	X		

Larry Blanton	X		
Casey Kiser	X		
Jennifer Cummins	X		

ACTION ITEM(S):

a. The Board voted to approve July 20th, 2026, Fair Board Meeting minutes.

b. The Board voted to approve adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm.

Next regular meeting: Monday, October 19th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Parker Gales
10/06/26