



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting: 5:30 pm, June 15th, 2026
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on June 15th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Mike Kasberger, Vice Chair
- Linda Cross
- Jennifer Cummins
- Larry Blanton
- Casey Kaiser
- Jennifer Cummins (Came in after roll call)

STAFF ATTENDING

Parker Gales, Admin Assistant Sr.

GUESTS: Angela Ostrander

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Kaiser motions to approve the minutes from May 18th, 2026, regular Fair Board meeting, Linda seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	"Yes" Vote	"No" Vote	Abstains
Kasey Kaiser	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Mike Kasberger	X		
Larry Blanton	X		

- **Public Comment: none**
 - **Funding Committee Updates:** Gales states that there is a scheduled conference call that is going to be held. Blanton states that Commissioner Hermreck and county admin are still conferring about the next step for the 1-million-dollar grant. Kaiser adds that there is some discussion around what projects and things can be done with the grant for the safety of horses, or if it is broader and can be used for things not directly related to the horse races.
 - **Fairgrounds Bathroom Project Updates:** Gales stated that the restrooms are waiting for a shipment of partitions to be installed. Gales state that as of now the final bill has been paid for phase 1 and 2 of the indoor arena. Blanton adds that the fairgrounds has stayed on budget with the restroom remodel.

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REPORTS:

- **Board Member Reports:**
 - **Casey Kaiser:** none
 - **Gail Merritt:** none
 - **Mike Kasberger:** none
 - **Linda Cross:** none
 - **Jennifer Cummins:** none
- **Larry Blanton:** Blanton goes over how fans have been installed in the outdoor arena grandstands to help push air; they are powered by solar panels. Blanton talks about how the fairgrounds had gone ahead and ordered the new tent panels for the outside pavilion tent to be replaced before fair, with that costing around \$28,000.
- **Administrative Assistant Report (Parker Gales):** Gales presented the Veterans breakfast flyer that was asked to be made at the last board meeting and asked for any changes. These flyers will be printed and given to the Band of Brothers and to be passed out in town. Gales states that the fair is coming along, with all food vendors chosen, almost all spots for vendors filled. Gales states that the carnival will be returning, and that all entertainment has been booked for the fair.
- **Financial Report (Daly):** In the board members' binding section under financials.
- **Manager's Report (Daly):** Daly was not present at the meeting, so Gales presented the manager's report. Gales mentioned that the Jockey Paddock area was being refreshed, with some new boards and fresh paint. Gales reports that the gifted Kennedy property has been fully cleared, and a new sign is being drafted to be put up with their names on it. Gales stated that Revel Pro AV was starting to install new av equipment that has been purchased with the Meta grant awarded to the fairgrounds for Carey Foster Hall, and they will finish before the end of July installing all the equipment. Gales states that they are going to install two new tv's, a permanent screen to be pulled down, new speakers, a permanent PA system and new wiring for the building. Gales also states that the fairgrounds had 6 non-revenue generating events.
- Kasberger motions to adjourn the meeting, Kaiser seconds; the motion carries.

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

ACTION ITEM(S):

- a. The Board voted to approve May 18th, 2026, Fair Board Meeting minutes.
- b. The Board voted to approve adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Next regular meeting: Monday, July 20th at 5:30pm.

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Respectfully Submitted by:
Parker Gales
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