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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 15, 2025

10:00 A.M.

The Oregon Racing Commission's Budget Committee will meet at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2025.** The meeting will be held via TEAMS videoconference. You may join the meeting by clicking on the link below, or by calling in. Please be aware if you call in, your phone number will appear as your ID.

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AGENDA ITEMS

ROLL CALL:

APPROVALS:

- 1) Meeting Agenda

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2) Review Legislative Budget

NEW BUSINESS:

- 3) Hub fund grants – Safety for 2025 – 2027
- 4) Additional funds to distribute 2023 - 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

Movement to adjourn.

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To: OREGON RACING COMMISSION
From: CROOKED RIVER ROUNDUP AND FAIR ASSOCIATION
RE: Application for Safety Grant

Date: April 10, 2025

The Issue we want to solve:

The Crooked River Roundup has for many years had stones in our race track. They have been picked many times by the Roundup Board and at times we have organized groups to assist. In 2023, the Horsemen joined the Roundup in picking these stones. The challenge is they keep working to the surface. If we pick the track in 2023, there are a few in 2024, and even more surface in 2025.

One of the most important attributes of a track is the ability to provide uniform support for the horses hooves. When we get these 1" to 1 1/2" stones surfacing, we run the risk of injury to the horse and also to riders when stones are thrown by the horses hooves.

To be effective, we need to find a stone picker that will not only clean stones from the surface, but from the top 5" of the track surface (the area we are working and using for a cushion), so we need a sub-surface removal plan as well as removing stones from the track surface.

The Solution:

Lenco Stone Picker. Picks stone from a 5 ft width. It picks stones from as deep as 10" below the surface. As equipped for our track, it will remove stones down to 3/4 of an inch in size. It has an operating speed of 3 mph. (To do our track will require about 6 hours counting rock disposal)

<https://www.lenco-harvesters.com/stone-pickers>

The operating plan would be to clean the stones from the track each year, so we always have a clean surface to start the season.

The Lead Time:

Estimated to be 4 weeks from order.

The Cost:

The Crooked River Roundup has a quote in hand for \$45,993.00 plus freight. (Estimated to be \$2500.00).

The Proposal:

The Crooked River Roundup requests 50% of the cost of the stone picker and freight. (Cost \$45,993 plus \$2500 equals \$48,493. **50% would be \$24,246.50.**)

The Crooked River Roundup will pay the other 50% of the cost. As part of the proposal, we will make the Stone Picker available to the other Racing Associations in the state to use on an as needed basis, providing they provide the transportation and agree to return it in the condition it was prior to use (other than reasonable wear and tear)

This provides a solution to the stones in the track in Prineville on an ongoing basis, and they should never be an issue again, even when soil is added to the track. It also provides an option to improve the footing in the other facilities around the state.

Questions or Concerns:

Contact: Doug Smith, Racing Chairman, Crooked River Roundup Assn. 541-480-1048



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April 10, 2025

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Dear Commissioners & Director Winn,

The Tillamook County Fairgrounds would like to be considered for an Equine Safety Funding grant. Our proposal is for a total of \$13,188 to be used in accordance with your guidelines and specifications to enhance the safety and well-being of horses involved in racing and training.

The purchase of two (2) industrial magnetic sweepers and shipping costs - **\$1,000**. This purchase would enhance the safety of our horses by reducing the amount of dangerous metals embedded in the tracks running surface. The continued use of these magnets over time will have a tremendous effect on decreased equine injuries.

The race track is one of the most critical features of the race meet and requires care and upkeep of all components that help to optimize the performance and safety of equine at our facility. With the addition of sand and appropriate grading, this will improve drainage and overall track condition as well as minimize the potential risk of accidents or injuries. Through the leadership of our past president fair board member, community partners have discounted material & trucking hours, donated equipment and operate our equipment to reduce the cost of the overall project.

780 Yards Sand	\$3,880	
Trucking 36 hours @ 168	\$6,048	
Grading 8 hours @ 145	\$1,160	Water Truck operator, donated by community partner
Tilling 10 hours @ 110	<u>\$1,100</u>	Grooming each layer, donated by community partner
	\$12,188	

We appreciate the consideration by the commission and for the opportunity to apply for these much needed funds.

Sincerely,

Camy M VonSeggern, Fairgrounds Director

Oregon Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association



April 29, 2025

Oregon Racing Commission

RE: Request for Grant Proposals End of Biennium Remaining Funds

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the remaining HUB funds for the 2023-2025 Biennium. The OTOBA respectfully submits our request for \$99,000 for purses at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show and the Grants Pass SOHRA meet.

The Oregon-bred races have struggled to attract enough entrants at the summer fair meets. Purses have not offset the cost of traveling to the fairs for many owners. Higher purses will provide more incentive and increase participation at the meets.

Funds will be added to the following races:

EOLS

6/6/2025 Oregon-bred Maiden Special Weight add \$5,000 for a total purse of \$10,000

6/7/2025 EOLS Fillies & Mares OTOBA Stakes add \$9,000 for a total purse of \$15,000

6/8/2025 EOLS OTOBA Stakes add \$9,000 for a total purse of \$15,000

SOHRA

6/14/2025 Oregon-bred Maiden Fillies & Mares add \$7,000 for a total purse of \$12,000

6/15/2025 Oregon-bred Maiden add \$7,000 for a total purse of \$12,000

6/21/2025 Don Jackson Stakes Fillies & Mares add \$24,000 for a total purse of \$30,000

6/22/2025 Josephine County Stakes add \$24,000 for a total purse of \$30,000

6/28/2025 Oregon-bred Allowance add \$7,000 for a total purse of \$12,000

6/29/2025 Oregon-bred Allowance Fillies & Mares add \$7,000 for a total purse of \$12,000

The OTOBA is adding \$1,000 to each stakes race from reserve funds. All previously allocated HUB funds have been exhausted.

These purses will be more congruent with the purses supported by the OHBPA and the OQHRA. The OTOBA has not previously been granted sufficient funds to support Oregon-bred purses consistent with other stakeholders.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to help Oregon-bred Thoroughbreds and provide a more rewarding and equitable experience at the summer meets.

Sincerely,

Connie Erickson
President - OTOBA