

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2025

Present: Kirsten Bolton, Shirley Anderson, Melissa Swan, Hilary Anthony, Sandra Bauer, Steve "Grumpy" Gorham, George Braddock, Jon Steinhart, Alex Zabala, Annette Sturgill, Bennett Rogers, Sean Cummins, William Parham, Alexis Maddock

Announcements: None

Committee discussed inventory Crew who received 17 additional passes which were golden rodded from other crews. Medical added two trade passes. Hilary discussed medical being contracted and not a crew. Committee discussed the relationship between White Bird Rock Medicine. Sandra added that we should discuss this next year. Discussion continued that Whitebird Rock Medicine become a contracted group and not be a crew. Committee discussed White Bird Rock Medicine's contract and service delivery, with Kirsten noting that the contract covers multiple events including pre-fair, Fair, Post-Fair, and Culture Jam, White Bird hasn't provided detailed scheduling information. Bennett and Hilary suggested implementing a request for proposal (RFP) process to potentially negotiate better terms, while Jon proposed collecting more detailed data about medical staff qualifications through a dropdown system. The committee agreed to review all crew schedules post-budget cycle and create a subcommittee to analyze scheduling information, with Bennett confirming they had already correlated many schedules but needed more complete data from White Bird.

Committee also discussed OCFIS and Archeology crew. The Committee discussed the allocation of passes and determined that the VIP passes be reduced by 9 to 45 and Kirsten explained that Archeology requested an additional coordinator, Kirsten Explained that additional crew funding would not be added in until the new coordinator was identified., Big Boys reduced coordinator expense by 250. Committee then discussed buses. Camping crew was discussed with Alexis adding that the workload of the camping crew will increase with the arrival of the EAB. Committee also discussed Communications/Fair Central, Farside traffic/security, Fire added 10 passes, Fish Ladders, Food Refer, Ice Logistics, Lot Crew, Pre/Post Security, Recycling, Site Crew, Traffic crew, Vegemanecs, and Water.

Next Budget committee meeting will be January 7th 2026 at 6:30pm