

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2025
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 6:09 pm by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Brian Crain, Jim Newman, Rick Sanders, Jolene Burke, Kristy Sheehan

Also Present: Ed Moreth, Wendy Carr

Approval of Minutes from the July 16, 2025 Meeting: Motion to approve the July meeting minutes made by Jolene Burke and 2nd by Rick Sanders

NON-AGENDA: Randy Woods called for public comments on Non-agenda items - None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Kristy asked the board what we were going to do for the Hospitality Tent meals. Randy is going to make the meal on Wednesday for the get together with Powder River. Rick is going to do the Friday meal, Kristy is going to do the Saturday meal, and will contact Clark Fork Custom Meats to order some pulled pork for the Thursday night meal.

The board wants Kristy to look into doing a Metal Art award for Powder River's 40th year anniversary. Randy is having a wood plaque with a wonderful saying on it as a backup if the metal art does not work out.

Kristy sent out all of the nominees for the Community Service Award to the board for review. The nominees this year were Joel Collett, Dr. Barbara Steward-Bache, and the nomination from last year for Shirley King was included with this year's nominees. Brian and the rest of the board discussed how much Joel Collett had done for the community and how much he gives and helps anywhere needed. A motion made by Brian Crain for Joel Collett to be this year's Community service award recipient. The motion was 2nd by Jim Newman. Motion Passed.

Brian asked if Kristy could order more shirts to have available for the help that we have during the rodeo so we are all wearing the same colors. Kristy took the sizes that we needed and will get them coming.

4-H Report: Wendy Carr gave a report on how many entries and kids that are signed up in 4-H this year. There are 125 Kids in 4-H and said that the barns will be full this year with entries. John Thurston has power washed and is preparing the Sheep and Swine barn to be painted. In the horse barn, the boards where the mangers were will be primed before fair and they will paint the barn in 2026.

Jolene asked Wendy to get her a schedule on when the small horse arena will need to be worked during the fair for the 4-H events. Jolene also asked to see if the arena would be available before the rodeos and slack for the competitors to warm up in. Wendy said that it would be available to the riders.

Fair Managers Report: Kristy reported that the food and commercial vendor power is completed. The lights were not working in the carnival bathroom, so there needed to be a trench dug from the bathrooms to the long concessions for the new power line to be ran. All of the exhaust fans in the food booths were cleaned and the booths will be painted before fair. All of the vendor spots are filled and we have some new vendors this year because several older ones did not come back. We also have all of the regular food vendors coming back along with a couple of new ones.

Kristy stated that the fair budget was cut back because of the mills being lower, so she was going to have to prioritize the projects around the grounds. There are a lot of things that need to be done, and she would try to do what she could to do the repairs.

CLAIMS - Motion to approve the claims made by Brian Crain and 2nd by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed

FINANCIALS - Motion to approve financials made by Brian Crain and 2nd by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn made by Brian Crain and 2nd by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed **7:08**
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