

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2022
Fair Office, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 6:08 pm by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Kim McMahon, Ted Forkum, Melissa Cady

Also Present: Hailey Coe, Ed Moreth

Approval of June 8, 2022 meeting minutes – Motion made by Ted, seconded by Kim 3-0 pass

NON-AGENDA:

Randy Woods asked for public participation in Non-Agenda items. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed a policy regarding raffle ticket sales; Melissa found a Supreme Court case that states that in order to sell raffle tickets at the fair you must be in a booth. She and Kim drafted a policy.

Kim moved to adopt the policy stating that in order to sell raffle tickets on the grounds during fair you must be in a booth, seconded by Ted 3-0 pass

Kim drafted a policy concerning board travel expenses. After some discussion, it was recommended that it be revised to state that this policy pertains to expenses acquired going to special events and that the mileage pay should be half of the federal rate.

Kim moved to adopt the new board travel expense policy after the above mentioned revisions are made, seconded by Ted 3-0 pass

Melissa would like for the board to pay for her gas to go to the Marias County Fair in Shelby instead of paying her the mileage rate.

Kim moved to pay for Melissa's gas rather than her mileage to go to Shelby for the Marias County Fair, seconded by Ted 3-0 pass

Melissa attended and Randy called in for the budget meeting with the commissioners. They discussed the waterlines, putting a bathroom in the office, repairing the bleachers, and other maintenance on the grounds. Moving forward, the fair will have to pay for their own dumpsters. They skimmed over the topic of the fair manager's wages.

Kim has requested a status on the pole barn permit and hasn't heard anything back.

Mike Taylor said he can install the new stoves in the pavilion so the board doesn't have to. The ticketing contract is still open. Melissa thinks it will take a group of about 10-12 people; she would like to purchase some additional crowd control fencing to funnel traffic as well as different stamps for each night to help the ticketing crew.

Kim moved to purchase 100 seven foot crowd control fence panels, seconded by Ted 3-0 pass

Melissa and Hailey have been discussing and would like the board to consider changing the date that premium payouts can be picked up. In the past, people have been allowed to pick them up beginning Saturday afternoon through Sunday which are the two busiest days of fair. Kim recommended stating that people can pick them up until a certain time on Monday after fair and after that they will be mailed. Randy brought up people driving through the grounds Sunday trying to remove their exhibits and stated that it's a safety hazard.

Kim moved to state that any Open Class exhibits that require a person to drive on to the grounds to be removed cannot be picked up until Monday, September 5th from 9 am to 3 pm; as well as changing the premium payout date to Monday, September 5th from 9 am to 3 pm, after that they will be mailed, seconded by Ted 3-0 pass

Juli Thurston gave the 4H report. She has been working on grants for a new cooler. They are getting a bid from Mike Taylor on redoing the swine barn roof. There is a hoof trimming July 22. The fair board decided on "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams" for the 2022 fair theme.

Melissa Cady gave the fair manager's report. Mike Taylor is going to put out a bid for installing hand rails in the grandstands. She is planning on ordering in maroon sweatshirts for this year. Mike is going to finish the LED lights in the ag building. The new pressure tanks in the well house are almost done. She has 50 continuous panels coming from Sanders County Feed for the timed event chutes. Matt tinned the back of the west bleachers so people cannot get under there. Mike will be fixing the sinks in the cowboy bathroom because they are coming off of the walls. We need to figure out if we want to contract out the merchandise booth and who is going to work it. Kim brought up that we need to have a backup plan in case we end up being the only working ATM in town again this year; or maybe even look into getting another ATM for the office.

Kim moved to approve the claims, seconded by Ted 3-0 pass

Kim moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Ted 3-0 pass

Ted moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm, seconded by Kim 3-0 pass