

Sanders County Fair Board  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2024  
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 6:00 pm by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Brian Crain, Ted Forkum, Jim Newman, Jolene Burke, Kristy Sheehan

Also Present: Rachel Largent, Rick Sanders, John Holland, Ed Moreth, Tracy

**Approval of Minutes from October Meeting** – Brian Crain motioned to approve the October meeting minutes; Ted Forkum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed

**NON-AGENDA:**

Randy Woods called for public comments on Non-agenda items – There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rick Sanders presented the board a proposal bid for the demolition derby. It was for the years of 2025 & 2026 for \$70,000 each year. In it, it states that he would handle all of the entry fees, Insurance coverage, social media and advertising, Prize money and trophies, care inspections, arena set up, tear down, and be responsible for the cleanup of the arena of debris afterwards. He would hire local people to help with it and would donate the remainder of the money to local non-profits. He wants to keep the money in Sanders County. Jim Newman asked Rick how the demo differs between now and then. Rick stated that it was all of the rule changing and not having the right people checking in and inspecting the cars. They were allowing built cars and non-built cars into the same heats and it was not fair to the ones who built to the rules. A lot of the local people quit entering the demo because of it and that is why there was a decline in the cars. Jim also asked if Rick could get the entries that have been coming the last couple of years. Rick stated that he could guarantee at least 70 entries for the demo. Jolene Burke asked if Rick was able to get the insurance, how much it was and if we could get something stating what all is covered. Rick guaranteed that he could get the insurance for the demo. He stated that he used the Farm Bureau to get a quote of approximately \$1100 and he would supply the right forms if his bid was chosen. The board thanked Rick for his help with the main arena clean up this past year, and let him know that we will open the bidding on the demo contract just after the first of the year and that we would be in touch with him.

Kristy talked about the PRCA Convention schedule in Las Vegas. Her and Brian Crain will be leaving for the convention on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and will return on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The convention starts on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> and they will be attending meetings, talking with sponsors, and choosing the specialty act and barrel man for the 2025 Rodeo.

Kristy asked if she could get QuickBooks for the fair office to help keep track of the customers, vendors, and make it easier to do the invoices. She asked for the board's recommendations and approval of it. Motion made to approve QuickBooks for the fair office made by Jolene Burke, Brian Crain 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed.

**4-H Report:** Julie Thurston was not able to make it, but she texted Kristy to let her know that she should know just after the first part of the year on the grant that she put in for to replace the roof on the Hog and Sheep barn. Juli stated that they only usually give \$2500 out which does not even cover half of the lowest bid on the roof. She will let us know what she finds out when she can.

**Fair Managers Report:** Kristy said that she received the bill from the Sheriff's office on the security for the fair and it was \$11,953.62. She inputted the dollar amount into the fair income/expense spreadsheet to give the final amount made on the fair \$123,243.24. Randy Woods asked Kristy to look into the Internet to the Secretary's office and the Announcers booth to see what we have to do to get internet back there so we are able to use it year round for events other than the rodeo during the fair.

**Claims:** Motion to approve the claims made by Brian Crain, Ted Forkum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – Motion passed.

**FINANCIALS-**

Motion to approve financials made by Brian Crain, Ted Forkum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – Motion passed

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Brian Crain, Ted Forkum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – Motion Passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm