

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2025
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 6:00 pm by Randy Woods

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

Also Present: John Holland, Ed Moreth

Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2025 Meeting

Motion to approve May 14, 2025 meeting minutes made by Brian Crain, 2nd by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed

NON-AGENDA:

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

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Parking Contract: There was only one parking bid received for the 2025 fair. The bid was received from Joe Filancia for \$12,000. Joe and his crew have been the ones doing it for the past several years. There was a motion made to approve the parking bid by Brian Crain, 2nd by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed

Fair Theme: Kristy presented the board with a bunch of fair themes that were submitted from the 4-H kids. She also added the ones from the previous years for the board to look over. The one that the board liked was “American Pride Countywide” from Daniel Warnes. There was a motion to approve the new fair theme made by Brian Crain, 2nd by Jim Newman – Motion Passed

Tractor Rock Implement: Kristy previously emailed the board information that was gathered from ClearSands on a rock and debris machine that attached to the 3-point on the tractor to remove the rock and other debris out of the arenas. She had asked if the board would like to go with the smaller implement or the larger one, that there was a \$3,000 difference in the price. The board thought that it would be better to get the larger implement because it would get the work done at a faster pace. Kristy stated that she really didn’t want to be switching out the implement with the regular arena drag as often as she would have to at first until she gets the arena cleared of the rocks. The board told Kristy that she could rent a tractor at first for as long as it took to initially clean the arenas so she could have the implement on one and the arena drag on the other. There was a motion to approve the larger implement made by Brian Crain, 2nd by Jim Newman – Motion passed

Demo Derby Car Ramp: Rick received a quote from a few different concrete plants for the concrete that needs to be done for the new location of the car inspection ramp. He had tried to get the concrete donated, but was not having any luck. The lowest quote that he received was for \$2000. Tim O’Brien will pay for all of the metal and do all of the welding on the ramp himself. Brian asked if the ramp would hold up with the cars on it the way it will be placed and Rick assured that it would. There was a motion to approve the \$2000 for the concrete made by Brian Crain, 2nd by Jim Newman – Motion Passed

4-H Report: There was no one from 4-H Present at the meeting.

Fair Managers Report: Kristy reported that the Carnival Bathroom toilets are done, roof on the Hog & Sheep barn, the Pavilion roof is done, the chain link fence is done out back by the residents along with the repairs needed behind the equipment building and from where the car went through it. The vendors of the corner food booth asked last year if they could get hot water in their booth, so Kristy had an on demand hot water heater put in their booth. The flag poles with new flags are complete, and Kristy cleaned up the circle area around the American flag and added nice red bark. There has been a type 3 fire camp at the grounds for just about 2 weeks now. The High School rodeo went good. We brought in \$2155 from having them here. We also had the Back Country Horseman staying at the grounds at the same time and we made \$1075 with them staying here. There was a Rabbit show in the Home Ec building and we made \$225 with them being here. The week after the High School Rodeo was here, we had a stock horse show and we made \$980 with them being here. A company rented the main arena for a big top show. They were the ones doing the advertising for it and selling the tickets, they just rented the arena from us. It was not a very good turn out, but we made \$375 with them being here. Plains day events went good with the Treasure State Cutting events happening on Saturday and Sunday. I was able to find a band for \$3500 that was good, but they did not play very many country songs and there was not much dancing going on. The VFW did the beer garden for us that brought in \$106.58. I had a food vendor here and made \$125 from them along with their camping. I made \$2505 from the cutting event, but I charged them \$10 extra for stalls so I could give it to the 4-H kids for helping clean them. After the weekend was said and done, there was a loss of \$1,113.42. The last couple of days there was a 4-H horse camp going on, there is another stock horse show this next weekend, and the Montana homesteaders Association is the next weekend. Clark Fork River Radio is handling Freedom Fest for me; I just have to do the fireworks. Kristy asked if it could still be the same limit as last year, and Brian asked if she could get sponsors for them. The carnival tickets came in and are all ready to be delivered out to the businesses next week. Smith Electric will be here the 3rd week in July to do the food vendor and the commercial vendor area power upgrades.

Brian brought up to try and not book to many events so Kristy doesn't get overwhelmed. The board asked Kristy if there has been any applications for the Administrative assistant position yet, and she said no applications have come in yet. Jolene asked if there was going to be enough help in the office during the fair. Kristy said that she was going to contact HR to have them open up the ticket agent positions so we can start getting people hired for the positions.

Kristy reported that she didn't give the board an AR report last meeting, so she is providing it now. From the April to May meeting there was \$6,689.85 took in from rodeo sponsors, vendor fees, and fairgrounds fees. From the May to the June meeting there was \$13,392.27 brought in from rodeo sponsors, vendor fees, and fairgrounds fees. The total amount brought in from sponsors this year is \$30,400.

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

FINANCIALS: Motion to approve financials made by Jolene Burke, 2nd by Brian Crain – Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Brian Crain, 2nd by Jim Newman – Motion Passed
6:36 pm Adjourn