

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
March 08, 2023
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 6:00 pm by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Kim McMahon, Brian Crain (arrived late), Ted Forkum, Melissa Cady (via phone)

Also Present: Rick Sanders, Juli Thurston

Approval of Minutes from February Meeting - motion made by Kim, second by Ted

NON-AGENDA:

No public comments on Non-agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Officer Elections – Randy Woods, current chairman of the board, asked to remain board chairman. Randy reviewed accomplishments that have taken place during his term as chair and with the fair manager and would like to continue with the position. Kim motioned to retain Randy as chair and Ted seconded, passed. Ted nominated/motioned for Kim to be vice chair, Brian second this nomination, passed. The Board will ask the commissioners to stagger member terms since 3 members have the same term expiration. Jim’s term is up May 2nd and he will be asked if he wishes to continue during the next board meeting. The commissioners will review terms for Randy, Ted and Brian, which expired 01/25/23. Kim is still current until 11/20/23.
- B. Rick Sanders addressed the Board with some concerns relating to the 2022 demo derby. He claims that the promoter does not enforce all the rules for all the drivers and that last year, eight cars should have been disqualified because they didn’t follow the rules regarding build specifications. This would give an unfair advantage to those contestants, and he wishes for the Board to address this. He also reported witnessing the promoter and others drinking alcohol during the inspections on Saturday. Rick also stated he was timed out early last year, which didn’t follow the rules. The Board thank Rick for sharing his concerns. Randy offered that all inspections this year will be done on Sunday morning using the Fair’s ramp. Board will consider hiring timers or speaking to the promoter about hiring timers for the 2023 demo.
- C. Facility Inventory & Maintenance Plan – Kim suggested that a facility maintenance plan be drafted that would provide a running record of maintenance tasks that are completed and would allow for better budget projections. Records to include the maintenance schedule, tree trimming, etc. Kim will draft a plan for the board to review with the intent of including all buildings, grounds, and infrastructure.
- D. 4-H Report – Juli reported that they are still looking at bids for the pig barn roof. She has been looking into bleachers as well. They need to get 4H member input on a Fair theme.
- E. Fair Manager’s Report – Internet is going in on Tuesday. We will not have phones for a bit; waiting on the phones. Rick Jennison will also be getting us a bid on Friday for the trees that we had Justin Jennison bid and we will compare the bids and decide. We have over 100 trees on the fairgrounds and will need to do this in a few sections. Cinch vests have arrived and they are

100% paid for by Cinch as part of their sponsorship for 2023. I will be contacting 406 Store in Missoula, Craig Pucinelli, one of our commercial vendors for embroidery. We will get our logo and a bucking horse embroidered as well as our names. All the food vendor contracts have gone out and they were asked to please provide an email address for the upcoming years. Hailey will send out the commercial vendors and she has been updating the website for us still. We will have Hailey submit her time on a claim form until we can hire someone to replace her. Ag bathrooms are finished with stalls and Mike should be moving to the ticket office soon to take that wall down and build a countertop for a work space and will get screen on exhaust fans. Smith will be doing plugs and lights, including in the new equipment shed. There will not be motocross this year, but we have almost every weekend from May-September full including monster trucks. I will also be working with Lisa to get our financials straightened out since money was transferred between budget accounts incorrectly.

CLAIMS – Kim motioned to approve, Brian second, passed.

FINANCIALS- Brian motion to approve financials second by Ted

ADJOURNMENT 6:57

Melissa Cady 04/12/2023