

Sanders County Fair Board  
Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 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, Dan Rowan, Juli Thurston, Rachel Largent

**Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2025 Meeting**

Motion made to approve the March 12, 2025 meeting minutes by Brian Crain, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jolene Burk – Motion Passed

**NON-AGENDA:**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the new information on the security about how many guys the companies will have on the ground during fair. Both of the companies said that they would put as many security officers on the ground as we need. White Line Training said that he would provide, as many officers as we needed and it would be included in his \$9000 bid. Northern States said that he would provide as many officers as we needed, but would still have to pay the \$25 periderm for them even if they were not on the ground patrolling and it was the \$25 plus \$31 an hour per officer while they were patrolling. A motion made to approve the bid for White Line Training by Brian Crain, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Newman – Motion passed.

The board received 3 bids for the fence in the back residential area of the grounds. The bids were read allowed and the prices were as follows. Fencing Unlimited came in with a bid of \$4,312.50; Cascade Fencing came in with a bid for \$4,850.00; and Cabinet Mountain Fencing came in with a bid for \$6,500.00. Commissioner John Holland asked if the property line was surveyed and Kristy said that they were surveyed and the homeowner's property was surveyed to make sure where the lines were. A motion was made to approve the bid from Fencing Unlimited in the amount of \$4,312.50 by Jim Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed.

4-H Report: Juli Thurston said that the superintendents are going to try to paint the horse barn and the hog and sheep barn this summer after the roof is completed in May. They are also going to look at replacing the bad boards on the 4-H bleachers with new ones. Juli is working on getting electrical bids for updating the camping electrical where the 4-H camp during the fair. She is trying to see if the electricians can do it in stages instead of all at once. Juli is also going to see about getting a bid on the plumbing in the steer barn because of the rust debris that comes out when they use them. Cabinet Mountain is still planning to donate the hot water heater for the 4-h showers. Juli will let us know when she hears from them. Juli let the board know tonight that she will be retiring on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>. After that date we will need to contact Wendy Carr until the university hires someone for the position.

Fair Managers Report: Kristy let the board know that she had talked to Lori Franzen and Michelle with the carnival about the kids with the Golden Circle of Champions. Both Lori and Michelle were on board with the idea of the kids coming to the Thursday night rodeo and attending the carnival an hour or so earlier that it opens so the kids could safely ride the rides before other kids start riding.

Kristy has sent all of the updated information to Rodeo Ticket for them to update the site before we start selling tickets in May.

Kristy has received all of the bids on the pavilion remodel and now she is working on the next steps of completing the T-Mobile grant.

Kristy has been working on dragging the main arena and getting the rocks and debris picked up. She let the board know that she is going to have to bring in up to 50 truckloads of dirt for the arena to be at the normal depth it was in the past. Right now, it is down below the concrete on three sides of the arena and needs to come up almost 2 feet. Kristy has also been working on painting that needs done.

Kristy let the board know that she has been receiving push back from Blair, who is putting on Plains Day, and the Sanders County Chamber about her having activities at the fairgrounds. Rachel Largent stated that she is the treasurer of the chamber and said that she has not heard anything about them being a part of Plains Day. Kristy stated that the Chamber President, Dennis, called her about it and the radio station said that the Chamber had talked to them about coming to the fairgrounds on that day. Kristy let the board know that everything is cancelled except for the Treasure State Cutting event. The board stated that they would like something to go on at the grounds and to proceed with making the plans to have music at the grounds that night.

Kristy talked to the board about events going on at the grounds during her personal show events and that she would need coverage on the tractor and the grounds while she was gone. The board said that we would defiantly need someone here to take care of things if they came up. It was also discussed about insurance reasons and why the event coordinators could not have someone drag the arena with our tractor during their events. The Commissioners asked Kristy to email them with what I am proposing and they would have it looked into on whether or not someone else could drive the tractor. The board asked Kristy email them with her show schedule and when I would need coverage and they would see if they could help on those dates.

**CLAIMS:** Motion to approve the claims was made by Brian Crain, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed

**FINANCIALS:** Motion to approve financials made by Brian Crain, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made to adjourn the Meeting made by Brian Crain, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed. 6:47 pm Adjourn