

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 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 (By Phone)

Also Present: Tim O'Brian, Ed Moreth, Tracy Scott, John Holland

Approval of Minutes from February 12th Meeting

Motion to approve February 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes made by Brian Crain, 2nd by Jim Newman –
Motion Passed

NON-AGENDA:

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Demolition Derby discussion - Two bids came in for the Demolition Derby Contract.

The first one was for \$71,000 from Hit Hard or Go Home Motorsports, out of Idaho, who has 25 years' experience of being in and putting on Demolition Derbies. The contract consisted of the following:

(Sanders County Fair Commission) agrees to:

- 1) Furnish advertising, spectator ticket sales, ticket takers, ushers, arena lighting, jersey barriers and other support mechanisms, as negotiated and agreed upon, for the event.
- 2) Furnish 160 seat for one driver and one pit crew person
*Furnish 50 seats at a discounted rate of \$10 per seat. (The Fair Board said no to this)
- 3) Furnish porta-johns at the set locations we have in the past.
- 4) Furnish the water truck- driven by a fair employee or board member only.
- 5) Provide the existing sound system.
- 6) Provide free camping to the Derby participants

(Contractor) agrees to:

- 1) Furnish enough entries for the derby to produce good entertainment for the spectators.
- 2) Handle all business and pay concerned with the promotion, driver entries, pit passes, judges, referees, timers, announcer, music director, crowd entertainment, raffle & prizes, drivers shirts. Provide all equipment associated with teching; including lifts, pit lighting, technicians, air horns/sirens, fire extinguishers. Provide trophies, payouts, and personnel required for the arena and pit area. Perform all setup and teardown of the arena for the event.
- 3) Furnish insurance releases for all entrants and personnel employed or volunteering during the event to absolve the Sanders County Fair Commission of any responsibility and liability for personal injury or property damage during the event;
- 4) Complete the tear down and cleanup of the arena within 48 hours after the conclusion of the event to include removal of all cars, parts and equipment from the Sanders County fairgrounds.

*Perform all set up and tear down on the arena for the event during daylight hours on Monday morning.

- 5) Pay all the expenses incurred by the Contractor related to the production of the event. Make every effort to eliminate the draining of any and all oil-based fluids within the confines of the fairgrounds property.

For consideration of the aforementioned, the Sanders County Fair Commission agrees:

- 1) To pay the contractor \$71,000.00 before the start of the event.
- 2) After ten days following the event, if the Contractor fails to complete clean-up as stipulated in this contract, a penalty of \$500.00 per day will be assessed until the requirements are met.

The board asked Tim O'Brian what all his derby would consist of for classes. Tim said that he plans to have a class 1 for basic build and a class 2 for better-built cars. They are also going to look at having a powder puff class for the women. Jolene asked how they plan to advertise and Tim stated that they would use Facebook and then they will go to other derbies and hang up flyers. Jolene also asked them on how they plans to clean up the arena afterwards. Tim stated that will clean it by hand the best that they can then they have a magnet to bring in to roll over the arena to pick up what they missed.

The second bid was for \$87,500 from 406 Promotions, who has put on our Demo Derby the past several years. The contract consisted of the following:

- 1) Furnish advertising, spectator ticket sales, ticket takers, ushers, arena lighting, jersey barriers and other support mechanisms, as negotiated and agreed upon, for the event.
- 2) Furnish tickets and seating for one driver and one pit crew person for each car entered into the demolition derby.
*Give us the remainder of the West Bleacher seats (489) for the amount of \$7,500 (to be taken off of the \$95,000 proposal amount)
- 3) Furnish porta-johns at the set locations we have in the past.
- 4) Furnish the water truck- driven by a fair employee or board member only.
- 5) Furnish tractor for racking the arena - driven by a fair employee or board member only.
- 6) Provide the existing sound system.
- 7) Allow FOS Promotions to have a table at the main entrance to the grandstands to sell event t-shirts.
- 8) Provide internet for live streaming of the event.
- 9) * Furnish Drivers and Pit person with 2 parking/camping passes to put in their window so the Fairgrounds parking crew knows who to be charging and who not to be charting.
- 10) Agrees to let drivers and crew know that there is a Midnight (12:00 am) noise curfew leading up to Derby Day.

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For consideration of the aforementioned, the Sanders County Fair Commission agrees:

- 1) To pay the contractor \$87,500.00 before the start of the event.
- 2) This contract will be renewable every year unless cancelled by either party within 60 days of the event. Any changes to the contract when renewing will need to be discussed between the Sanders County Fair Commission and the Contractor at least 6 months before the event.
- 3) After ten days following the event, if the Contractor fails to complete clean-up as stipulated in this contract, a penalty of \$500.00 per day will be assessed until the requirements are met.

To clean the arena after the derby, Tim plans to go through it by hand and then he will bring in a large magnet to go over the arena to get what they missed.

There was a motion made to approve the bid for Hit Hard or Go Home Motorsports made by Rick Sanders, 2nd by Jolene Burke – Motion passed with 4-yes and 1-no

Concert Discussion – The board stated that they prefer not to have a large concert at the fair. They would only like to have the smaller bands after the Rodeo Performances that Joel Collette and Wade Rehbein are sponsoring.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:02 pm Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn made by Brian Crain, 2nd by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed