

Sanders County Fair Board

January 20, 2021, meeting minutes

Fairgrounds Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains, MT

Call to Order: 7:05 by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Kim Bergstrom, Jim Newman, Melissa Cady, Skylar Bergstrom

Others Present: Juli Thurston, Ed Moreth, Amy Gray

December 2020 meeting minutes: approved unanimously. (Kim, Jim)

Public participation in non-agenda items: No comments

MT Circuit Finals Recap: Melissa and Randy attended in Kalispell last weekend. Met with vendors and got potential leads for scoreboard ads that Melissa will follow up on.

Water Tender: The purchase of a water tender for \$16,000 last spring fell through. Spring Street Auto purchased a 1992 Kenworth in good condition for \$19,500 and is willing to sell it to the Fair at that cost. The Board unanimously approved an additional \$3,500 to purchase the 1992 Kenworth water tender from Spring Street Auto. (Kim, Jim)

4H Report: Tagged 19 steers in early January. Trying to pin down a new judge and should know soon who it is. No other news to report.

Fair Manager Report: Montana Silversmiths provided mock-ups of a Sanders County Fair buckle and jewelry to sell. Melissa will continue to work with them on the design, possibly using the 100 Anniversary coin as a template. Representatives from the Ravalli County Fair will meet with Melissa tomorrow to share ideas. MQS confirmed that the building quote likely won't change when we get approval to build. Melissa may look for a new vendor to get heat into the Ag building as she's having trouble getting the contractor to respond. The tin siding is coming along; he's on the back grandstands now. Door rebuilds will likely be finished in the spring. Melissa will reach out to Ram Rodeo about their sponsorship and will start nailing down other scoreboard sponsors. Pendleton will likely sponsor; working out details. It seems that 168 Tickets will be the way to go as a replacement for Vendini. They are easy to get in touch with and respond quickly. He is testing the equipment we have to make sure it works with their system or determine an alternative, and we can co-op with Kalispell and Missoula for the set-up trip each year. More to come on that. The bathroom remodel into a vendor shower should be started soon. Other showers will likely be looked at in the spring when the water is on. Letters were sent to the Lions and Concessions group requesting they remove their personal property from the county fairgrounds. Vendor contracts will be going out soon for the Father's Day Monster Trucks and Fair. There was no major damage on the grounds from the recent windstorm. A few branches fell, some tin on the barn roofs lifted and will be fixed, one of the smaller flagpoles broke and has been replaced. The inflatable Christmas decorations are dry and will be stored in bins.

Claims: Approved unanimously. (Jim, Kim)

Financial Report: Approved unanimously. (Kim, Jim)

Adjourn: Approved at 7:45 pm (Jim, Kim)