

Sanders County Fair Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 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, Kristy Sheehan

Also Present: John Holland, Tracy Scott, Ed Moreth, Dan Rowan

**Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2025 Meeting**

Motion to approve the January 8, 2025 meeting minutes made by Brian Crain, Jim Newman 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion passed

**NON-AGENDA:**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bylaws: Randy Woods read over the bylaws on when the terms should be up and how long a chair or a member can serve in their position. The Chair is up in the odd number years, so it is up for re-election in January this year. There is also no limit on how long someone can hold the position.

Appoint Chair: Jim Newman nominated Randy Woods to stay in the Chair position. There were no other nominations, so Jim Newman made a motion for Randy Woods as the Chair and Brian Crain 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed that Randy Woods will remain in the Chair position for the next 2 years.

Appoint Vice President: Randy Woods Nominated Brian Crain as the Vice President. There were no other nominations, so Randy Woods made a motion for Brian Crain as the new Vice President and Jim Newman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed that Brian Crain is now the new Vice President for the next 2 years.

Demolition Derby: Randy stated that Tim Denson had contacted him and wanted Randy to call him to let him know if his bid was chosen or not for the Demo. Randy contacted Tim right after the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to let him know that we accepted his bid with a few changes. This had asked how Rick took the news and Randy stated that Rick had to withdraw his contract because he was appointed to a board seat. Randy said that Tim called him the next morning to tell him that he will not be doing our Demo this year because Rick was on the board.

Rick said that he had someone that was interested in putting on the demo and said to contact him with what we are looking for. Randy said that it will need to be put out for bid again then we can choose who we want to do it. Jolene mentioned to contact Paige Carney to see if he would like to try putting it on again. Randy went through the pros and cons of how hard it is for the county to put on the demo, which is the reason we prefer to contract it out. Jolene along with others would rather have the demo contracted out to make it easier on the board members and the fair office. Randy and Rick said that

they were going to start making phone calls to demo people. Kristy asked the question on why the board is making these calls and not her. She feels that it is her job to make these calls then bring everything to the board for approval. She asked if everyone can get her the names and contact info and she will make the calls to have things submitted to her. Jolene also agrees that no one should be contacting the vendors or other contract people except for Kristy since that is her job. Jim stated that he agrees to a point that Kristy should be the one to contact everyone, but everyone on the board has their own expertise so they have different ways of handling things.

Rick said that we should get on the Montana Demolition Derby site on Facebook and post that we are still planning to have a demo and we are looking for someone to promote it for us.

Jolene asked if we could contact Payne West Insurance to see why we are unable to get insurance for the Demo if the fair is the one that has to put it on. The Commissioners said that they would contact the insurance company and find out for us.

Dan Rowan asked that the board being careful on the board volunteering to put on the demo, because things change and people on the board change. There may not always be the help that we need to put it on, and then we are in the same situation as we are now finding someone to put it on for us.

The board asked Kristy to contact other venues that have a Demolition Derby and ask them if they use anyone to put it on or if they do it themselves. Places mentioned were Glasgow, Glendive, Havre, Chinook, Billings, Spokane, State Line, Bonners Ferry, and Sandpoint.

**ADJOURNMENT at 6:39 pm**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jolene Burke, Brian Crain 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Passed