

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2025
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 6:00 pm by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Jim Newman, Rick Sanders, Jolene Burke, Kristy Sheehan

Also Present: John Holland, Tracy Scott, Ed Moreth, Rachel Largent, Tim O'Brien, Chad Weeks, Wendy Carr

Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2025 Meeting

Motion to approve April 9, 2025 meeting minutes made by Jim Newman, 2nd by Jolene Burke – Motion Passed

NON-AGENDA:

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

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

At the last meeting, Kristy presented a sample of a roof seal from All Star Roofing that she would like to do on the Pavilion roof to stop the leaks. The sample shows how the company would come in and tape and seal all of the seams and screw or nails and holes, and then they go over the entire roof with a complete sealer. The project would cost \$23,725.00. Kristy presented the sample again at this meeting and asked the board if it could be done since the money was in the budget. Jim Newman asked how long the warranty was and Kristy said that she did not ask them. Jolene Burke asked how long the Fair plans to keep the Pavilion Building. She said that it would not be cost effective if they were planning on replacing it with in the next few years. The board and Commissioner John Holland said that there are no plans in the near future to get rid of the building. There was a motion made to approve the estimate on sealing the Pavilion roof by Jolene Burke, 2nd by Rick Sanders. – Motion Passed

The Ag Bathrooms were on the agenda, but Kristy never heard back from Scott Rice with the bid to fix the toilets.

Tim O'Brien came to ask about purchasing all of the seats in the west bleachers for the Demolition Derby in order to be able to sell them to friends and families of the pit crews and drivers. He said that when he discussed it with his board, they voted against it. Tim then brought up moving the car ramp to the south field where the cars stage at before the derby. Rick had called him and mentioned moving the ramp to them and they would come over and help with moving it. Tim said that registrations for the derby will be opened up in a couple of weeks and he is expecting a good number of cars. Jim Newman asked him how many cars he had so far and Tim could not say at that moment. Kristy talked to them about not moving any of the dirt back to leave the arena as it is and just use the old logs and concrete barriers. Moving the dirt back for the derby is making it hard to keep the arena level for other events. It also brings up a massive amount of rocks that takes forever to get rid of them. Tim agreed that the dirt didn't have to be moved back as it was done in the past.

Kristy proposed to the board on possibly purchasing a rock bucket for the tractor to make picking up the rocks in the arena a lot easier and faster. She said the Derek could put a screen on it so smaller rock could be sifted out of the arena. The board thought that was a good idea but wanted to look into getting a groomer for the arena that could sift out the rocks and save even more time than the rock bucket. Kristy said that she had looked into one of the groomers before and to get a large one, it would cost over \$30,000. The board said to look at a smaller one to save some money and could be used on the smaller tractor.

Wendy Carr was at the meeting to represent the 4-H. She said that Ryan and Bethany Burk are just about done with the Jason Hannah sign. They are going to mount it on the small horse arena announcer's booth. She said that Dallas Bender would be coming in sometime to do the roof on the hog and sheep barn and Kristy said the he had called and was scheduled to do the roof on June 13th. She let the board know what all-upcoming events that the 4-H has scheduled on the grounds. Those events are the 4-H horse camp, weigh-ins, and hoof trimming.

Kristy reported that Huckleberry Construction would be here on Friday the 16th to start putting in the new flag poles. Huckleberry Construction will also be starting on the carnival bathroom toilets in about a week. The chain-link fence will be started at the end of the week. There were waterlines that broke along the horse arena and around the end of it by the announcer's stand nest that she had to have fixed. Tony Ferlan was doing the water lines and Doran VonHeeder with Von Construction came in with his mini excavator and dug the trench for the lines. Kristy had mentioned the upcoming events on the grounds. It starts with the High School Rodeo on the 17th and 18th, then on the 23rd and 24th there is a Stock Horse Clinic and a Stock Horse Show. Plains Day is back on with 2 days of cutting, a food truck, beer garden, and the Wild Wind band from Kalispell. It was asked if Kristy has found an assistant for the office yet, and she said no and that there has only been one applicant and he took another job.

CLAIMS: Motion to approve the claims made by Jim Newman, 2nd by Jolene Burke – Motion passed

FINANCIALS: Motion to approve financials made by Jolene Burke, 2nd by Rick Sanders – Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Jolene Burke, 2nd by Jim Newman – Motion passed 7:00 adjourn