

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2025
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 6:01 pm by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Jim Newman, Rick Sanders, Jolene Burke (by phone), Kristy Sheehan

Also Present: Tracy Scott, Ed Moreth, John Holland

Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the June 11, 2025 meeting minutes made by Jim Newman, 2nd by Rick Sanders. Motion Passed

NON-AGENDA:

Randy Woods called for public comments on Non-agenda items. John Holland asked Kristy if she was planning to re-pave the main drive through the grounds. Kristy said she was planning to re-pave the drive, and has gotten a quote from Von Construction for \$25,000 to do it. John told her to call Willie at the County Road Shop because they are interested in doing the job.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Hospitality Tent: Kristy asked the board what they would like to do for food in our hospitality tent at this year's rodeo. Randy suggested putting it out to the community or businesses to see if anyone would like to cook or cater one of the nights during the rodeo. Kristy suggested doing a taco bar if we had to do it ourselves. There is at least 50-60 meals served each night of the rodeo. If there is any food left on Sunday, the board serves the Demolition Derby people.

Water Usage and assessed Fees: Kristy had a construction company ask about using our large water hydrant to fill out their trucks. The company said that they would keep track of what they used and pay accordingly. The board discussed how they would be able to keep an accurate count of the gallons of water used and possibly being able to put a water meter on the well. The conclusion was to not let anyone use the hydrant and keep it for county use only.

Powder River Gift for 40 years: Kristy wanted the board's opinion on what they wanted to do for the 40th anniversary of Powder River Rodeo coming to our fair as the stock contractor. They made suggestions such as, a painting, antler carving, a bronze, metal art. It does need to be done before fair. The board asked Kristy to look into what the items would cost and if it would be completed in that time by the fair.

4-H Horse Barn Mangers: Wendy Carr, the 4-H horse leader, asked if the mangers could be removed from the horse barn. Kristy brought it to the board to get their opinion on taking them out. The board asked what the reason was to wanting to take out the mangers. Kristy said that Wendy told her that the stalls are too small for the larger horses that are in 4-H. Kristy and Jolene stated that the stalls are really small and taking out the manger would make them a little bigger. The board agreed that taking the mangers out would be ok and not take away from the original structure.

Fair Managers Report: Kristy said that she had the rock machine ordered and paid for. It arrived on Friday the 11th. Kristy has not been able to use it yet because she just got the tractor back from the shop being serviced. She has a call into John Deere about renting a tractor to hook it up to.

The water system for the black widow drag is on order and is being made. It should be here in a couple of weeks. Kristy will have Derek put it on the drag when it gets here.

Kristy had a contractor go through all of the bathrooms on the grounds and fix or replace what was not working. So, all of the bathrooms on the grounds are ready for fair.

The truck and tractor were out at the county shop getting maintenance done on them. The truck is still out there because it needed some new parts ordered to finish it up.

The fireworks show went well. Kristy was able to get First Security Bank, Valley Banks, and Stockman Bank to donate \$250 each to go towards the fireworks. She purchased them from Clinkenbeard's fireworks stand. Clinkenbeard's also donated 7 boxes of fireworks to the fairgrounds fireworks show.

Ticket sales are starting to pick up more and more each day

We have hired a new administrative assistant, Lisa Wood, from Thompson Falls. She is a realtor with Clearwater Properties.

Smith Electric will be here the 4th week in July to start on the food and commercial vendor area electrical update.

Jim Newman asked Kristy if she can talk to the cleaning crew to see if they can do a mid-day clean on the bathrooms instead of just a morning and night clean. Kristy said that she would talk to them when they come in for fair.

CLAIMS:

Kristy stated that she included most of the Fair Claims this time in order to have them before the fair. Motion to approve claims made by Jim Newman, 2nd by Rick Sanders. Motion Passed

FINANCIALS:

Kristy stated that this was the last financial report for the fair year end and that the fair brought in \$27,129.44 more than the estimated revenue. The building and grounds rental brought in \$33,138.90 more than the estimated revenue.

Motion to approve financials made by Rick Sanders, 2nd by Jim Newman. Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Jim Newman, 2nd by Rick Sanders. Motion Passed

6:43 Adjourn