

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 6:05 pm by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Jim Newman, Kim McMahon, Brian Crain, Ted Forkum, Melissa Cady

Also Present: Hailey Coe

Approval of January 12, 2022 meeting minutes – Motion made by Kim, seconded by Ted 5-0 pass

NON-AGENDA:

Randy Woods asked for public participation in Non-Agenda items. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kim McMahon had a meeting with Katherin Maudrone to discuss the pole barn and the flood plane/way. She was told that the information that they have is the best available data and it trumps whatever FEMA has; and that new buildings are prohibited in the floodway because they change the base flood elevation of 2465.08 feet. Anything that is constructed must be done in a way that will not encroach on the base flood elevation. There is an area in front of the Hermiston Well that appears to be above the base flood elevation at 2467 feet but we would need to get a Letter of Map Amendment. The previous bid for the pole barn was roughly \$31,000 but due to the increase in price of materials, it has gone up to \$50,670.

Brian moved to approve the price increase from \$31,000 to \$50,670, seconded by Kim 5-0 pass

Kim looked into potential alternative locations for the motocross track and did not have much luck. The area requested by TopDawg is surrounded by houses. Randy recommended having a public meeting with the homeowners and the TopDawg crew so that people can voice their opinions. Kim also mentioned that the track may violate the flood way/plane regulations.

We will be moving to three full performances instead of doing the specialty bull riding night which is going to cost more because Powder River will have to bring in more stock. The Cowboy Channel will be more likely to come and film our rodeos and put them on their app due to having three full performances. Randy would like to look in to giving out tickets for the Thursday night rodeo in the schools to show more county support. The rodeo has had the same payout of \$28,000 for 36 years. Randy would like to increase the purse to \$50,000 to entice more riders to choose our rodeo over others that are happening the same weekend. Kim would like to overcome Dillon's payout which is \$57,000.

Brian moved to increase the rodeo purse to \$60,000 and pay Powder River whatever necessary to bring the additional stock, seconded by Ted 5-0 pass

Johnny from Stirrin' Dirt is putting on a demolition derby in Ogden, Utah in May and has invited Randy and Melissa. They would like to go to show support and Randy would like for the board to pay for the hotel rooms and their mileage to get there and back.

Jim moved to pay for Melissa and Randy's mileage and hotel rooms for a trip to Ogden to watch Johnny's demolition derby, seconded by Kim 5-0 pass

Ovens locally cost \$2400-\$2600 but delivery won't be until July or August. Randy would like to get online, find whatever is in that price range, and get them ordered but needs to know if we want to replace both of them at the same time or do one at a time. Kim said if they are going to be tearing them out and installing them it makes more sense to just get them both done at the same time.

Brian moved to purchase two new ovens for the pavilion, seconded by Kim 5-0 pass

Melissa would like the board to consider purchasing a laptop so that during the winter months she is not having to drive back and forth every day. It would come out of the Ashley's budget not the fairgrounds, and it would help Melissa cut down some of her hours.

Kim moved to approve the laptop purchase for Melissa, seconded by Brian 5-0 pass

Juli Thurston gave the 4H report. The Southside Sparks might be interested in doing the burger booth for the motocross event but will need to reevaluate their insurance.

Melissa Cady gave the fair manager's report. Cinch has agreed to sponsor all three nights of rodeo performances. She has been talking to Maggie at the Cowboy Channel; it will cost a little bit to have them because we will have to pay Scott Walton more but it will pay off. There was another pipe that broke but has been fixed. The well tanks are in the home ec building. The flooring for the pavilion should hopefully be delivered by April 11th. The heaters in the ag building should be in this week. The high school is holding prom in the pavilion and would like to have open flames on the tables to make s'mores; the board said no. We need to write a letter to the fire department informing them that they cannot do their 50/50 during the demolition derby, they can buy a booth for the weekend if they would like to do so. Melissa would like for a drop box to be put in the office door for vendors and campers to use.

Jim moved to approve the claims, seconded by Brian 5-0 pass

Kim moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Jim 5-0 pass

Kim moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm, seconded by Jim 5-0 pass