

**Richland County Agricultural Society**  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 26, 2025**

**Members Present:** President Christy Keith, V. President Tom Craft, Immediate Past President James Schaub II, David Dick, Dave Grauer, Gene Esbenshade, Dale Bemiller, and Kathi Cutlip-Mills

**Guests:** Carol Toms and Remington Blevins

President Keith called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Jim Schaub reported that Schmidt Security will be in next Thursday to do the smoke suppression unit.

Tom Craft stated that he needs a date when to shut down the Grandstand and wondered if October 1, 2025, would work. It was discussed and decided we should probably be best to do it after the October Horse Show.

Dale Bemiller said the racetrack is back together. We need bids ASAP for repairs and things INC needs to pay for. Remington talked to the people who own the field across the street. They don't care what we do with it. Jim said we need to do grass. We need to decide what we want/need to do and get the commitment from Brown that it is OK for us to do what is proposed and then schedule a meeting with INC. Dave Grauer and Remington will work on getting quotes for putting asphalt across the street. Dale Bemiller said that we need to have Brown sign something giving us permission to do this. David Dick will draw up the paper work for this.

David Dick has been talking to JPB about doing publicity for the fairgrounds for events that we have here, especially those that we are putting on. They would do a 12 month contract @ \$700. Per month or \$8400.00 per year. It was agreed to have them present at our September meeting.

There were 568 more animals showing this year. Sales amounted to \$908,473.00 which is down about \$60,000.00 from last year. David explained that we did not have 2 of the "Big" Buyers this year. We had several smaller buyers.

All of the barns are ready for winter storage which take-in is October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Senior Fair Board can review the rules and make suggestions for changes. The Jr. Fair Board would make their recommendations and then the Senior Fair Board would vote on these recommendations.

David told Phil to put together quotes for putting a couple of cameras in each of the barns. We need to go with a bigger DVR. Cameras are not that expensive. The question was asked how long Kenny and Phil going to have an office here. Probably as long as they are doing work for us.

David indicated there were major problems with online registration and this will need to be addressed.

Bill McFarland reported on "Infield" events:

The Rodeo was a huge hit this year

There were 86 entries in the Tractor Pull

Moto Cross was a huge hit

Demo Derby was disappointing

There were problems with things starting on time and this needs to be addressed. The times must be in stone prior to the Fair Book being printed (and this needs to be reviewed to confirm times are correct) and those times adhered to. All advertising needs to be correct.

The Moto Cross may have to be moved to a different night so it doesn't run so late. There were 285 entries this year. They had trouble getting the times locked in.

The Demo Derby said that it is our responsibility to remove everything, not theirs. It has to be worked on as a whole as there were only a few entries.

Nick Fairchild will not be on the board next year, so we will have to work on getting someone to be a gate person.

Kathi Cutlip-Mills said that the Car Show was a huge success other than the cafeteria was backed up. We really didn't know what to expect.

Some of the new merchants in Fair Haven hall have said that they want 2 booth spaces next year. Is there any way that things can be moved out of the annex and stored during the fair in the Winter Wonderland building so that

spaces can be made available in that area and not go into another building where people will not see them? She asked if this could happen.

Cody is scheduled to be here on Tuesday to get all things done that needs to be done.

Dave Grauer said that the dump truck is at his neighbors and he will work on it. He will get us a quote soon.

We need to spray.

We need to discuss snow removal

Remington asked if there is any chance that we can go to a purchase order system.

Flenner billed \$5,000.00 for INC and \$1,700.00 for fair

Bill McFarland moved that the meeting be adjourned. Gene Esbenshade seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Cutlip-Mills  
Secretary