

Richland County Agricultural Society

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 24th 2026

Members Present: (P) Christy Keith, (VP) Tom Craft, Sadie Hoyt, Dave Grauer, Gene Espenshade, Remington Blevins, Kathi Cutlip-Mills, James Schaub, David Dick

Staff Present: Shiley Swihart

Guests: -

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Christy Keith.

Sadie had nothing to report.

Remington asked if he can get a copy from the office of open campsites that still owe from 2025.

James had nothing to report.

Dave Grauer had received a call from Lisa about new mounts in Fairhaven Hall for TVs for Bingo. They would like to install 5 new 60in TVs and will need all new brackets. Dave was going to get in touch with Kenny Niese about install, and also to see who will be responsible for the new TVs. There has been mention of the Electric in the Alpaca barn and it being in need of updating. Dave Dick mentioned the Banner money can be used towards it, and get a quote to bring to senior fair and then look in to repairing before fair this year. Question was asked by Christy if other barns have helped pay for updates and Dave Dick answered that usually a superintendent will gather quotes, then present it to Livestock Committee or Senior Fair to request funds or partial funds to get the project complete. At this time nothing had been presented to the Committee or the Board. There were new glass cases purchased for A&C Building for fair week. Dave also said that he will begin working on storage for the new round tables.

Dave Dick reported that the 2026 Jr. Fair Rules has been agreed upon and will be voted upon later at the Sr Fair meeting. Dave also brought up that the past insurance company that we had, covered volunteers working on the grounds, which we have lost now. If we want to get this back for our volunteers we will need to get a quote. Remington raised the question if there is insurance for equipment that is brought to the grounds?

James ask the question on who will be responsible to hire the goat inspector for fair? Dave Dick answered with, it will be the judge selection committee to hire, next question raised was how much to pay? And Who to hire? Answered by Dave with they will judge like any other selection and sign a contract and treat it as such.

Kathi Mills reported that the Flea Market and Craft show made the top story for the New Journal. Contracts are out for vendors, and Fairhaven Hall. They are being required to sign a rule and regulation sheet this year with their contracts. So far most have been returned signed. There is some discussion to be had on the rules and regulations that were not agreed with by the commissioner. Kathi also reported that she will be sending out paperwork for new merchants as well that have requested indoor and outdoor spaces. She also has requested \$109 for a half page ad in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter, no motion was needed we are allotted so much in advertising per year being a member.

Gene Espenshade reported that the Kitchens are back in order and a thank you to Dave Grauer and Tom Craft for helping, couple kitchen events over the next couple months that will need assistance with.

Tom Craft reported that there is \$6342 more needed for the Youth Hall heaters and A/C units to be discussed later at Sr. Fair meeting.

Shirley Swihart asked if there was a start date for Trudi Tilton who was hired for the Jr. Fair Coordinator, there is not at this time. She also reported that the audit and annual report were all accepted.

Dave Dick said that Livestock Committee will pay half of Trudi's Salary.

Christy Keith reported that Fair Entry may be the way we go for fair entry in the future since it will communicate with other fair software's, where Showworks does not. Christy also said on April 24th there will be a Chamber Agri Tour will be coming through to see what the fair all has to offer.

Gene asked if Pioneer had reached out about a work day yet? No one has heard. Dave Dick asked if we got a hitch plate on order for the new skid loader, Dave Grauer answered yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm

Submitted by Sadie Hoyt