

Richland County Agricultural Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 26th 2026

President Christy Keith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll call was taken for members.

Staff Present: Shirley Swihart

Guests Present: Deb Boyce, Kaley Bowman, Kilynn Ebersole, Shelby Bays, Bryson Bays, & Maylanna Gamble

Roll Call was taken

Pledge was recited by all.

Secretaries Report, report was emailed out to all, Remington Blevins made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of 3000/ max. Seconded by Curt Fife. Motion Passed

Treasurers Report, report was emailed out to all, Kathi Mills made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Gene Espenshade. Motion Passed

Events Coordinator, Lisa reported there are only two events for June that will be using the campground.

Committee Reports:

Tshirts – if you need shirts this year get with Remington Blevins.

Budget – Bleachers are ordered, still waiting on an ETA/.

Livestock – June 11th is the next meeting, this will hear all the missed tagging deadline appeals and will rule on them then. If there are any people that missed tagging get with Trudi Tilton or Dave Dick. Also will be getting money transferred over to SFB for Livestock Com. Portion of the bleachers. Livestock Committee will also be voting on a new rabbit superintendent at the meeting.

Nature Park – All evening acts are booked, and are being advertised for fair week.

Kitchen Aux – Had a meeting and voted on getting an all in one washer/dryer Youth Hall for aprons and towels. INK is coming up in July.

Campgrounds – Camper swap night is on June 29th with the lottery to follow July 6th, there is a power issue in Row J, Remington will be getting new breakers from Phil to repair.

Racetrack – Received in stone this week for the track, the Weiner Dog Race has a sponsor. Dustin Moysi will be working on making the starting gate.

Fairbook – Finally done!

Golf Carts – Nothing to report.

JFB – Tshirts are ordered and the Fair Entry site went live May 26th, Trudi asked if the TV could be mounted soon in the office.

Extension Coordinator – Looking for volunteers for book judging on July 7th. Have been going over registration and tagging issues to try and sort out any other issues, also asked if she could get day passes for the Still Project Judges during fair week, motion was made by Dave Dick with the approval of up to 50 day passes for judges, seconded by Colton Dull, motion Passed.

Bylaws – Nothing

Sponsorships – Firelands Co-op is donating the Airswitch needed for the electrical upgrade.

Admissions – Nothing to report

Elections – Petitions available June 1st.

Grandstands, Parking, Antiques, - Nothing to report

Concessions – In the process of working on layouts for vendors, still getting vendor interest forms in as well. Kathi and Gene said the deadline dates are being followed.

Equine – The Pony superintendent backed out, this year it will be a joint effort the will circle back to that after fair. Currently they have \$8600 in sponsorships so far. Will be working on stalls soon, and the committee is actively staying on top of the Strangles Outbreak. Motion was made to made Stephanie Gulley the Jr. Fair Horse Superintendent, by Marla Reynolds, seconded by Amy Messersmith. Motion passed.

Raffles, Social Media, Arena, Safety, Winter Storage, Entertainment, Livestock Judges, and Landscaping – Nothing to report

Infield – Grass is growing, still have some rocks that need to be picked up. Need to flattened out the pulling track soon as well.

Grounds – Will begin scheduling work days, there are so many things to be done, the work order request policy may be going back in place to help keep track of what needs done. Maintenance for mowers, and bush hogs need to be done. There is a water line that is still leaking by the rabbit barn. Looking in to putting a temporary door in arts and crafts during fair week that may make it more inviting from the roll up door end, with the old doors from Fairhaven. Chuck Miller will be over next week to begin going through the items that need to be sold off. Moving forward every Tuesday will be a work night starting around 5:30, all are welcome.

Electric Update – All transformers should arrive in a week and a half, been talking with INK to square away where they will be staging things this year. There may be some shuffle needed to even out the electric load. Other minor repairs needed, main focus is the upgrades.

Old Business:

- Fair Office Roof – Deciding what type of roof to go with, Commissioners may be willing to pay deductible, and fair board could pay rest. Still in discussion with Commissioners and contractors.

New Business:

-Rabbit Superintendent – Motion made by Dave Dick to approve Faith Abbot as the new rabbit superintendent, seconded by Zac Tuttle, motion passed.

- Crawford County Now – We are currently under budget for advertising, will need to see if they could coordinate with the current company JCB as well.]

Handicap Parking Paint – Richland County seal coating quoted \$1965 to restripe around the buildings, Remington made a motion to approve quote, discussion was had if that included out front in the parking lot as well and it was unsure. Motion was resented, by Remington. Scott Smith will look in to the more.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, by Remington at 8:25pm, seconded by Sadie Hoyt, motion passed. z

Submitted by Sadie Hoyt