

Richland County Agricultural Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 23rd 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, Back Porch Food (The Webbs), and Walt Stevens

Roll Call was taken

Pledge was recited by all.

Secretaries Report, report was emailed out to all, motion to accept by Kathi Mills, seconded by Amy Messersmith

Treasurers Report, report was emailed out to all, motion to accept by Matt Janisch, seconded by Dale Bemiller.

Events Coordinator, 7/14 INK meeting to discuss campground and move in.

Committee Reports:

Tshirts & Budget – Nothing to report.

Livestock – All late exhibitors were voted to allow to show, ear marked remaining phase 2 money for tables and chairs that will only remain in the new show arena.

Nature Park – Nothing to report.

Kitchen Aux – INK help needed.

Campgrounds – 7 open sites for camper lottery that is up for grabs. One pedestal needs repairs, and one hydrant needs fixed.

Racetrack – No stone will be put down until after INK. Numbers are looking better than last year for Harness racing, Dustin Moysi has the wiener dog race gates about done.

Fairbook – In the office for pick up.

Golf Carts – Calling in July to confirm.

JFB – Entries close July 1, banners are ordered, will be having a work day as well as Announcing & slide show training to help with shows. Looking for donations for the “Stock the Trailer” sponsored by Farm Credit.

Extension Coordinator – Camp went well, 4-H judging starts tomorrow.

Bylaws – Nothing

Sponsorships – If signs need to be made for and donated work to the fair grounds we need to get them in to get signs made.

Admissions – Friday and Saturday need sponsor of the days.

Elections – Board of elections may work our election during fair week to be able to use a building for Election Day.

Grandstands, Parking, Antiques, - Nothing to report.

Concessions – Oversold Fairhaven hall. Back Porch Food Truck was in to inquire about their application for fair week, that they put in months ago with no response. Christy took all of their information and informed them that we would be in touch.

Equine – Thursday shows are going good. Looking to have a meeting every morning during fair week.

Motion was made to NOT allow double riding or bareback riding during the fair, by Dave Dick, 2nd by Remington Blevins. Motion passed.

Raffles, Social Media- Nothing to report.

Arena – earmarked table money.

Safety – Safety inspection August 7th

Winter Storage - Nothing to report.

Entertainment - Nothing to report.

Livestock Judges – last contract just came in.

Infield – Nothing to report..

Grounds & Landscaping – Bird issue in the Arts & Crafts building and the Red Barn, some trim is coming loose and needs repaired in places. Browns Lot needs the new drives rolled. Also will be beginning to line up tractor and equipment for fair week. Motion was made to cut down the two trees in front of Fairhaven Office by Dave Dick, seconded by Zac Tuttle motion passed.

May be looking at getting a UTV for the fair grounds to replace the worn out golf cart. Dave Grauer had found one, motion by Dave Dick to purchase the 625i Gator for \$4000, seconded by Matt Janisch, motion passed. Also have been going through auction items with Charles Miller to sell.

Electric Update – Working on getting things done for INK, grandstands are all on, boring is lined up for the campgrounds.

Old Business:

- Richland Seal Coating Quote – Looking around \$54000 for all asphalt to be resealed, Motion was made to spend up to \$10000 to complete the front entrance off Home Rd, the handicap parking area, with painting, out of the rental fund by Dave Dick, seconded by Dale Bemiller, motion passed.

New Business:

- Grandstand Bathroom – Motion to replace sinks with wall hung sinks instead of the counter top, spending up to \$ 2500 made by Dale Hulit, seconded by Dave Grauer, motion passed.
- Security – Walt Stevens brought up about the ongoing issues with disruptive behaviors during fairs and inquired about adding in more security during fair week. We will be inviting Officer Gunder to the next meeting to discuss along with signage for the gates.

INK fence will be up July 11th

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, by Dale Bemiller at 8:22pm, seconded by Remington Blevins , motion passed.

Submitted by Sadie Hoyt