

Richland County Agricultural Society

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

July 28th 2026

Members Present: Tom Craft, Sadie Hoyt, Dave Grauer, Remington Blevins, Kathi Cutlip-Mills, James Schaub, David Dick, Gene Espenshade

Staff Present : Shirley Swihart

Guests Present: Zac Tuttle, Dale Bemiller, Officer Gunder (Sheriff's Office)

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Tom Craft

Dave Dick reported that the radio contract for 101.3 iHeart radio will need to be talked about in the later meeting. Also will have a discussion on rain insurance for the grandstand events during fair week. Something new this year during fair are sign in sheets for the "Back to Farm" sale at all of the entrance gates Wednesday morning so those buyers are not being charged for admission just to come in to the sale. Also he brought up allowing barn superintendents to get a gator/golf cart pass for free. RES will also allow us to use their large sign for fair week.

Dave Grauer questioned if we have plans for the green water truck? Should we keep the tank and sell the truck, and start looking for a new truck? Dave also got a water lines fixed in the campground and behind the rabbit barn. Ink brought in mulch during the week to help with sitting water, we will need to get rid of it before fair. We will need to look in to a good set of fork extensions for the new bleachers to be able to move around easily. Turf is also down in the new show arena.

Gene Espenshade reported just a could vendor contract issues other than that looking good for fair week.

James Schaub brought up that Richland New Hope would like to donate their new Adult Changing Restroom for fair week. They will be in contact to figure out how early they need to bring it over to get it placed for fair week.

Kathi Mills reported that there are not 78 spots in Fairhaven and 6 spots in the Youth Hall.

Tom Craft reported that there are some fire codes that have changed and we will need to have them addressed after fair week.

Remington Blevins reported that INK was very happy with how everything went, they would like to meet this fall to get a game plan for next year and new ideas. They also would like to discuss the options of having the entire grounds Monday – Monday, they also would like to get the final bills totaled up.

Meeting adjourned motion at 6:55pm by Kathi Mills, seconded by Dave Grauer, motion passed.