Richland County Agricultural Society

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 25th 2026

Members Present: Christy Keith, Tom Craft, Sadie Hoyt, Dave Grauer, Remington Blevins, Kathi Cutlip-Mills, James Schaub, David Dick, Gene Espenshade
Staff Present : Shirley Swihart
Guests Present:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Christy Keith

Christy Reported that we will be getting $26886 paid to us from McGinnis for ride revenue.

Tom Craft reported that the new roof for the Office will be completed this month. With the county commissioners paying 100%.

Dave Dick reported a record year for the Livestock Sales, things for the most part all went smooth with all the new people in place on Committee. Next meeting is September 10th with a superintendent meeting to be held before. INK has not paid their bill yet.

Sponsorship ideas were discussed. Do we offer to Lisa Roberts a commission style incentive to bring in new and go after existing sponsors to renew? To be discussed at Sr. Fair Meeting.

Also was discussed the set times that Fenix is on the grounds during fair week?

Gene Espenshade reported that nature park entertainment went well, will be looking at a different avenue for ice next year. Most Vendors were happy fair week.

Kathi Mills reported there were some issues with no shows for the Fairhaven Vendors, some vendors did not like being in the Youth Hall. She explained she has a map started for people who like the same spots every year. One issue Saturday night were a supposed fair board member told vendors they could leave early. We need to look in to the rewording of the zero pet policy. Kathi also stated that they are short a set of gate workers for the car show, and would donate $3000 to the non-profit group that would sign up to work it.

Dave Grauer report there is a lot of help still needed to get things cleaned up after fair, he has been approached by a company to donate the time, concrete and equipment needed for the electric vault. There are multiple water issue that need to be resolved, and areas that need to get leveled off and re-seeded. Will continue on the Tuesday night work days.

Meeting adjourned motion at 6:62pm

Submitted by Sadie Hoyt