Richland County Agricultural Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 25th 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, Lisa Roberts
Guests Present: Deb Boyce

Secretaries Report, report was emailed out to all, motion to accept by Dale Hulit, seconded by Kathi Mills, motion passed.

Treasurers Report, report was emailed out to all, still waiting on some sponsorship money to come in. Motion to accept by Gene Espenshade, seconded bt Remington Blevins

Events Coordinator, Car Show is upcoming, Looking for a non-profit to work the east gate for a $3000 donation. Rodeo on Sept 12th, will need volunteers for the beer garden, toy show and sheep show towards the end of the month as well as the Xclusive Diesel show in October.

Committee Reports:
Tshirts – Nothing to report.
Budget – Nothing to report.
Livestock – Had a very good year.
Nature Park – Thank you for all the INK help and Fair week kitchen help!
Kitchen Aux – nothing to report.
Campgrounds – Electrical mess to get fixed, will be getting with Phil on estimates, looking to raise price to $500 for 2028
Racetrack – Nothing to report.
Fairbook – Time to start again! Get ribbon orders in for discount
Golf Carts – No issues, still looking in to new companies.
JFB – Overall not bad, stock the trailer weighed in at 3400#. Will be looking to go through the Jr. Fair Rule book and correct and clarify issues.
Extension Coordinator – List of things to work on for next year.
Bylaws – Nothing
Sponsorships – Looking in to an incentive program. This would offer 10% commission for new sponsors, and 5% for existing renewal sponsors as an added responsibility for our Events Coordinator Lisa Roberts. Motion Made by Dave Dick, seconded by Bill McFarland Motion passed.
Admissions – Nothing to report.
Elections – Eric Chapman was voted on to the board during fair week.
Grandstands – Nothing to report
Parking – Nothing to report.
Antiques – Gardners are officially done, Buckeye Iron Will club may be coming to an end as well, will be looking in to liability waivers for future years, currently there is nothing in place.
Concessions – Nothing to report.
Equine – All shows were held, just sometimes moved around.

Raffles – Gun raffle will be here soon!
Social Media - Nothing to report.
Safety- Nothing to repor
Infield – Thank you for all the help!
Winter Storage – Will need to discus a reasonable time to submit damage claims
Entertainment – Only one act booked for 2027, was not a big attraction this year. Will keep the walking acts/
Livestock Judges – Dave Dick will have a form for next year to make calling easier.
Grandstands – Nothing to report.
Grounds – Lots of things needing to get fixed/repaired before winter. Will be setting Tuesday evenings up for work nights. Water leaks, topsoil needed brought in, and stone to be spread/
Landscaping – nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Auction Items – Will need to finish going through the buildings to see what we want to clear out.
- Code of Conduct – Couple issues during fair week, we must remember to remain professional.

New Business:

- Cantrell Rental – Will Meet at 10 am Wednesday to get documentation of stalls that are being used but not paid for. Matt, Lisa and Christy will meet and read over contract.
- November Meeting – Motion to move the November Meeting to Thursday November 19th made by Remington Blevins, seconded by Matt Janisch 17 yes to 3 no motion passed.
- Parking Lot Repairs – will be spreading out more millings to get things leveled out.

Other:

- Motion was made to purchase radios up to $3700 to be spent and a committee started to keep track, made by Bill McFarland, seconded by Matt Jansich motion passed.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, by Sadie Hoyt, seconded by Remington Blevins, motion passed.

Submitted by Sadie Hoyt