Richland County Agricultural Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 22nd 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, Henry Beachy, Dan Seitz, and Nick Rome

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

Treasurers Report, report was emailed out to all. Motion to accept by Bill Mcfarland, seconded by Kathi Mills, motion passed.

Guests –
- Henry Beachy came to ask if a temporary round pen could be set up just south of building 4 at the race track to allow for some grazing of the horses that are boarded. Dave Dick made a motion to approve, seconded by Zac Tuttle, motion passed.

-Dan Sites came on behalf of a Cyber Security Plan that must be in place per house bill 96, we have the first part in place, the next step is the monitoring attached. For the next step Fyreeye can monitor for $5400 per year, for the computers in the main office at the fair grounds.
Motion was made by Dave Dick to spend $5400 on Fyreeye seconded by Kathi Mills.

- Question was raised on how threats are handled when the arise. Which will be taken care of Fyreeye.

Motion passed.

Shriley Requested a motion to be made to approve 2027 Fair Dates along with fair monies.
Motion made by Dave Dick to approve Aug 8 – 14 2027 fair dates, seconded by Bill McFarland, motion passed.
Outstanding fair supporter must be turned in by Oct. 31st.

Events Coordinator, Sheep show upcoming, show arena needs to be set up, Circus will be in Fairhaven Hall.

Committee Reports:
Tshirts – Nothing to report.
Budget – Nothing to report.
Livestock – Good meeting, will need a hog barn superintendent, and chicken barn superintendent has one more year, then will need to look into a replacement. Also may be looking to up the feeder calf weight maximum.
Nature Park – Nothing to report.
Kitchen Aux – nothing to report.
Campgrounds – Water Leak, and Remington will be reaching out to to health dept about the primitive camping for fair week, we can not currently change our footprint, under exemption for the Ag Society.
Racetrack – New signs for the barns, went over contracts everything is signed and paid up to date. Still looking in to advertising. Dave Grauer and Dale Bemiller fixed a water leak over in the barns.

Fairbook – Changes needed, and fair ribbons need ordered by end of October.
Golf Carts – Nothing to report.
JFB – Trudi went to Ashland Fair, to watch how Fair Entry worked, and found lots of perks! Have 22 applicants for JFB.
Extension Coordinator – Camp counselor applications are out, and the 4-H volunteer applications are out.
Bylaws – Nothing
Sponsorships – If any leads send to Lisa Roberts.
Admissions – Looking to change admission fees, future talk of changing gate price and possible charging for grandstand.
Elections – Annual Meeting October 27th
Parking – Nothing to report.
Antiques – Nothing to report.
Concessions – Nothing to report.
Equine – Repairs on the 4 in 1, requesting the Sr. Fair to pay $404.12 for the repairs. Motion made by Dale Hulit, seconded by Tom Crafts, motion passed to reimburse equine council for $404.12
Raffles – Nothing to report.!
Social Media - Nothing to report.
Safety- John Gray met with Fenix about the contract for fair week, and a year long for events. Found that Fenix had not been paid for last year by Xclusive Diesel shows event. Which was to be paid out by the promotor.
Infield – Send all ideas to Bill Mcfarland
Winter Storage – October 24th and November 7th for move in.
Entertainment – Only one act booked for 2027, was not a big attraction this year. Will keep the walking acts/
Livestock Judges – Looking to amend JFB rule on announcing judges.
Grandstands – Will be closed after the diesel show.
Grounds – Few lots have been leveled out. Still having work nights on Tuesdays. Gravel is going in around livestock barns.
Landscaping – Motion needed to spend $2000 on grass seed for infield and other areas needed, Motion made by Dave Grauer, seconded by Zac Tuttle.

Old Business:

- Pet – Only to allow service dogs with health certificates
- Pest Control Bids – Not all consistent with buildings across bids, will circle back in October.

New Business:

- District Meeting is October 18th at noon in the New Show arena, looking at 50-75 people.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, by Chris Campbell, seconded by Dave Grauer, motion passed.

Submitted by Sadie Hoyt