

RICHLAND COUNTY

Fair, Recycling and Parks Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

September 06, 2023

Present: Kerry Severson, Scott Gald, Sandy Campbell, Gary Deaver, Gary Manning, Cindy Chicker, Carla Doudna

Absent: John Collins, Cathy Cooper, Eric Siemandel, Tim Gottschall

- 1. Call to Order:** Co-Chair Gald called the September 6, 2023 meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and introduced Administrator Pesch to all attendees.
- 2. Proof of Notification:** Verification that meeting had been properly noticed.
- 3. Agenda Approval:** Chair Severson requested a motion to approve the 13-point agenda. Moved by Chicker to approve request, second by Supervisor Manning. All voting aye, motion carried.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Previous Meeting Minutes:** Not at this time.
- 6. Discussion Item 6. Fair-** Doudna stated that Jamie Koch is willing to volunteer in assisting the Committee, watering the Demo Pit and between each of the Classes. She mentioned to the Committee about the email from Kristopher Clark regarding their sponsor being able to come in to set up in the Pit during the Pull. Doudna reviewed the email she sent him and that in the future the Committee would need to decide if they would allow that. Severson expressed concern regardless of their sponsorship of Southwest Pullers and that the vendors need to remain consistent. Doudna updated the Committee on the donation of equipment from Homesteaders since the County skid steers at the Highway Shop weren't available and out on jobs. Gald again expressed his concern regarding the inability for the County to provide the equipment that is already owned by the County and that we should not have to beg and borrow from local business for that equipment. He expressed concern that Olson Trucking, the Richland Center Fire Department, EMS, the Water Department, City Utilizes and others are able to donate their time, manpower and equipment for the County Fair, a Community Event, but the County struggles with figuring out how to charge departments within the county to fulfill the needs of a County event. Gald struggles with the fact that Olson Trucking is called to use their equipment to haul the wood chips and sawdust and to haul their grader down for the grandstand events. Supervisor Manning said he would discuss it and that ultimately, it's the Committees decision. He stated he will work towards a plan for next year with the committee to resolve these issues. Doudna expressed the struggle with the gate coverage. Gald suggested changing the gate times to later in the morning, Doudna stated in the past, pre-covid, it was discussed but the next year the fair was cancelled and it was not mentioned again. All agreed that would be a good idea and will move towards working those details out. Chicker asked about a County Employee being able to donated their time instead of taking time off during the week. Doudna asked that they call to provide times available.
- 7. Adjournment:** Motion by Supervisor Manning to adjourn the meeting, second by Campbell. All voting aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, **Carla Doudna** Carla Doudna, Fair & Recycling Coordinator