

**Fair Committee**  
**County Board Room, Richland County Courthouse, and via Webex**  
**August 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** County Fair Board Committee members: Kerry Severson, Richard McKee, Julie Fleming, Gary Deaver, and Sandy Campbell. Richland County Meat Animal Sale Committee members: Chad Imhoff, John Carter, Gretchen Kanable, Dustin Wanless, Steve Banker, Rachel Turgasen, Earl Wallace, Tim Woodman, Mike Huffar; Karleen Craddock, 4-H Educator, and Lyrica Marks, Fair Coordinator.

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by chair Kerry Severson at 7:02 PM.
2. **Proof of Notification** – Marks gave proof of notification
3. **Agenda Approval** – Motion to approve the agenda by Richard McKee, second by Flemming. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Q&A for 2024 Fair** - Upon calling the Richland County Meat Animal Sale meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Mike Huffar, introductions were given. Fair Coordinator Marks gave a brief overlay of what to expect at this year's county fair: No demo Derby, Live music with an opening act (didn't catch who the opening act was), Hwy Dept. providing security at music entertainment, Not hosting lactating dairy cattle show but will have non-lactating animals showing. Josh Elder will take care of ordering chips and sawdust. Clean up – Gary Deaver needs help with cleaning – he does not get paid to do it, Needs help with clean up during fair by hauling manure to pits. Wheels of Time needs barn to be cleaned so they can put oat shocks in the show barn on Wednesday after noon. Those that can help clean up can bring their own skid steers to use. Scales – do not have to be certified since it's fixed and stationary. It was certified in 2019 and only 1 lb. off. Required to maintain and is locked up so no one can touch it. Hundreds for the Fair – done every 3<sup>rd</sup> year - businesses donate \$100 and raised \$14,000 last time – used for improvements for the fair. Fans – the dairy rely on them. Beef wash rack – drain need to be cleaned out. Building locks – have all been changed this week – will be allowed to check out keys when needed. Have buildings opened for the weekend of Labor Day
5. **Future of the Fair?** – No idea about the future, nothing has been said one way or another, Planning on a fair next year – budget has been submitted for 2025 and county budget will be reviewed in September and has to be approved by October 31, 2024. Meat Animal Sale would like to invite all county board members to their next Meat Animal Sale Committee meeting. An invitation will be sent to all board members. Low budget – looking for sponsors. Have received approximately \$10,000 in sponsorships currently. Grandstand inspection – wooden grandstands didn't pass and are being torn down.
6. **Future agenda items** – N/A
7. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by McKee, second by Flemming. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.  
Respectfully submitted, Lyrica Marks Fair Coordinator