

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

**Present:** Kerry Severson, Robert Brookens, Sandy Campbell, Julie Flemming, Scott Gald, Josh Elder, Lyrica Marks, Lacey Steffes, Kristopher Klark, Riley Anderson

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by chair Kerry Severson at 5:02 PM.
2. **Proof of Notification** – Marks gave proof of notification
3. **Agenda Approval** – Motion to approve the agenda by Gald, second by Brookens. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes** - Motion to approve the minutes by Flemming, second by Campbell. All voting aye, motion carried.
5. **Public Input** - No public input at this time
6. **Financial Records** - Marks reported that end of year finances did not match up. This was largely due to Fairgrounds improvements that were overdue.
7. **Hub City** - Steffes and Anderson presented the motion to have two more events at the Richland County Fairgrounds. Steffes proposed keeping the price identical for the two upcoming events. Gald motioned to approve the two events at the same price. Second by Flemming.
8. **Southwest Pullers** – Krisopher Klark presented the current contract for the 2025 Tractor Pull. Changes in pricing. Gald expressed concern in investing \$10,000 and not having the turnout to make any profit. Board agreed to continue discussing after more information is given.
9. **Convention Overview** - Marks presented the contracts for the Carnival and Sound company. Marks mentioned working with Carnival to possibly discuss a sensory awareness hour. Gald stated that High mileage does have two days reserved. Marks also stated demo derby is still an option. Elder agreed to research more on the demo derby. Marks also mentioned a lumberjack show. Entertainment to be discussed at next meeting.
10. **Gate Prices** - Elder explained that previous Administrator Candace Pesch resigned. Elder plans to continue to go to county board to propose not paying the start up back, resulting in free gates for the public. Charge at grandstand events instead.
11. **Future agenda items** – Beer Sales
12. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by Gald, second by Campbell. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.  
Respectfully submitted, Lyrica Marks Fair Coordinator