

Richland County Fair Committee
County Board Room, Courthouse
Minutes - April 23, 2025

Present: Julie Fleming, Lyrica Marks, Josh Elder, Sandy Campbell, Richard McKee, Robert Brookens, Gary Deaver, guests Tom & Lorna Miller. **Absent:** Kerry Severson, Scott Gald'

1. Julie Fleming, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.
2. **Proof of Notification** – Proof of Notification given by Marks.
3. **Agenda Approval** – Approval of Agenda on a motion by McKee and seconded by Brookens. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Approval of March 26, 2025 meeting minutes on a motion by McKee and seconded by Brookens. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comment** – No public comment.
6. **Financial Reports** – Marks is getting sponsors for the fair. \$15,000 levy approved for the fairgrounds.
7. **Circus** – Request from a small circus group, no animals other than a horse, that would like to rent a building with a stage and a 12' vertical clearance. Motion by Campbell to table until more information is obtained on the circus, seconded by McKee. Motion carried.
8. **Fair Book Changes** - Campbell gave an update on changes for the fair book.
9. **Grounds & Maintenance** – Badly needed new well houses, with floors, and pressure tanks are being installed.

A grant from the Richland County Fairgrounds Improvement Committee for \$20,000.00 to replace Building 10.

Other items for improvements include fencing the immediate grounds and race track and a concrete wall in need of replacement.

Gate Entry Fees - There will be no paid gate entry fee for the fair this year and will not need to man the gates. However, all grandstand events will have gate fees. A resolution will be presented to give the \$15,000.00 levy to the fair without having to pay it back.

Ditching will be done for water runoff.

Security Cameras – would include highway shop and fairgrounds jointly.

Gary Deaver would like permission to pain the ticket booths and one might need repairs. He was given permission to do so.

Scheduled upcoming events – Hub City Dirt Drag, Lions Auction, Wisconsin High School Rodeo

10. **Future Agenda Items** – Circus.
11. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by McKee, second by Brookens. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyrica Marks
Fair Coordinator