

Richland County Fair Committee
County Board Room, Courthouse
Minutes - May 28, 2025

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

1. Julie Fleming, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 April 23, 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. **Hub City** – Lacey Steffes Spoke on behalf of the Hub City Dirt Drags to thank Richland County Fair Board and others who helped. Steffes questioned if any good/bad reviews had been heard or had. Parking/leaving was a concern, however, Hub City is already looking everything over for that. Next event is October 10/11
8. **Coordinator Updates** - Marks gave an update on Vendors and Sponsors coming in for the fair this year. Marks also mentioned new side stage entertainment.
9. **Fair Book Changes** - Campbell mentioned to fair board the the new fairbooks were almost completed. Campbell then questioned the thoughts on whether or not the fair board were open to having exotic animals in a small scale as a new fair class: such as llamas/alpacas. Motion to allow by McKee, second by Brookens. Fair board unanimously agreed to allow exotic animals. As a follow up, Campbell mentioned the curiosity of allowing miniature Highland Cows. Motion by Deaver to not allow miniature Highland Cows, seconded by McKee. Fair board unanimously agreed not to accept miniature Highland Cows due to concerns over the length of the horns. Marks informed board of the continuous H5N1 flu in lactating dairy cattle. Same news as previous year. Marks spoke to fair vet, who decided that all cattle will come in on Wednesday, if allowed at all.
10. **Grounds & Maintenance** – No updates to security cameras as Fair Grounds does not currently have wifi power. In discussion to get new radios. Waiting to pass resolution for free gates for fair. Fencing companies providing quotes on new fences.
11. **Future Agenda Items** –Storage
12. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by McKee, second by Deaver. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyrica Marks
Fair Coordinator