

**RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR BOARD  
MINUTES  
July 23, 2025**

Present: Scott Gald, Richard McKee, Robert Brookens, Gary Deaver, Julie Fleming, Sandy Campbell, Lyrica Marks, Josh Elder, and County Administrator Tricia Clements. Kerry Severson joined the group at 5:15 p.m.

Guests: Tom & Lorna Miller, Kenda Deaver, Brian Theilman, Randy Nelson, Bruce Taylor, Pat Bradford. By Zoom: Ellen Jorgensen of Second Harvest.

Vice President Scott Gald called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Proof of Notification given by Marks.

Approval of Agenda on a motion by Deaver and seconded by McKee. Motion carried.

Approval of June 25, 2025 meeting on a motion by McKee, seconded by Deaver. Motion carried.

Public Comment –

- No charge for gate fee was brought up by McKee. Public Works Committee and full County Board approved the change. Loss of revenue will be made up through grandstand admission fees.
- Bruce Taylor and Pat Bradford of the Republican Party discussed concerns they had regarding vendor space. They were assured they have a booth but it may not be 2 booths as in the past. Marks goal is to get more vendors in the A.V. Miller building.

Financial Reports – Marks stated she has more sponsors for the fair and is working on the 2026 budget with Administrator Clements and County Clerk Kalish.

Ellen Jorgensen of Second Harvest Food Bank of Southern Wisconsin would like to bring Second Harvest to the fairgrounds on the third Thursday of the month, which brings in about 40-50 cars. She would like a place to leave the bins and ask that the space be donated with no charge. It will start in September. Motion by Gald and second by Fleming to waive the fee. Motion carried.

Approval for the use of the fairgrounds comes through the Fair Board sub-committee and approved by Administrator Clements and Marks. Motion to approve by McKee, seconded by Gald and motion carried.

Storage in the fairground's buildings – Do we continue to have storage or step away from it due to liability and staffing or somewhere in the middle. If so, the committee will have to be willing to help and organize a working committee, which is hard to sustain. Motion to look at hybrid storage by Gald, seconded by Severson and motion carried.

Coordinator's Report -

- Met with Hub City Dirt Drags – they want to add a burnout event during the middle of the day from 12-4 p.m.
- Lactating dairy cattle at the fair – will be allowed at the fair. All lactating cattle must have a negative influenza test completed no more than 7 days prior to fair entrance, must bring their own milking equipment and no milk dumped at the fairgrounds.
- Maintenance at fairgrounds – Theilman is doing a good job. Partial fencing has been built along Highway A. There are still some water leaks.
- Garbage pick up during fair will be by Nelson, Theilman, Elder and Deaver.

Agenda items for next meeting – Storage, workers for grandstand events and clean up, and other things that need to be done.

Motion to adjourn meeting by McKee and seconded by Fleming. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,