

Sanders County Fair Commission
January 20, 2016 Meeting
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Fair Commission Chairman Chris McGuigan. In attendance were Vice Chairman Jenny Garrison, Directors Jim Newman, and Wade Rehbein. Directors Wade Rehbein and Roberta Smith were absent. Also attending were Fair Manager Dede Steinebach, Fair Secretary Ruth Hamilton, and John Burch with the Community Market.

The minutes of the November 18, 2015 Fair Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Jenny and seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

John Burch came to introduce himself as the new organizer for the community market. He said he looks forward to helping make it a success again.

Fair Manager reported that the Christmas lights were a hit and everyone seemed pleased. The power bill increased about \$270.00 and we received \$456.00 in donations to cover. The Pavilion will be used for 2 events for Clark Fork Valley Hospital and the school will hold a play at the end of the month.

New business: Martha McClure Youth Rodeo

Martha called and she would like to use the arena for a youth rodeo again this year. She booked it for the weekend of July 16-18.

Concessions: No one came from concessions group to discuss how things were going with their group.

Parking Contract: Parking contract was sent to County Attorney at the end of November but have not received it back. After we get the O.K. from him it will need to go to Clerk and Recorder for budgeting approval.

Claims: Motion to approve by Jim and seconded by Jenny passed unanimously.

Group discussed ideas for projects this year.

The Fair Commission adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Sanders County Fair Commission
February 17, 2016 Meeting
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Fair Commission Chairman Chris McGuigan. In attendance were Vice Chairman Jenny Garrison, Directors Jim Newman, Wade Rehbein, and Roberta Smith. Also attending were Fair Manager Dede Steinebach, Fair Secretary Ruth Hamilton, Meghan Phillippi 4-H, Katy French, Don Burrell, Sydne Connolly, Bobby Mayes and County Commissioner Carol Brooker.

The minutes of the January 20, 2016 Fair Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Jenny and seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

4-H Report: Meghan spoke about plans to improve wash stand and Chris reported that a plan had been developed to make those improvements with volunteer labor and some donated funds. This will improve the drain in the 4-H bathrooms. Chris is working out the date but wants to get it done early. Commission commented that steps to 4-H crow's nest need to be replaced and that we would like 4-H to help with that project. Meghan stated that steers would go to Kalispell to be processed this year. When asked why it wasn't done locally she stated that Mike couldn't take all the steers here and they needed to be all at same location.

New business: Commission wants to open discussion with Sonja White about possibly leasing her land again to park cars.

Commission discussed wish list of items to budget for. Wade suggested getting a contractor to come in and give some estimates for the projects. One of the items discussed was an RV dump site on property. Chris has done extensive investigations on cost and what will need to be done. More items were metal siding to continue from cashier's office down, Home Ec building repair, decking on bucking chute seating area, more power out to rodeo area, and floors in Pavilion bathrooms. Chris asked again if county was going to help with the maintenance and Carol said it hadn't been discussed but she would bring it up.

Concessions: Katy French, Don Burrell, and Sydne Connolly were present to report on the concessions group. They are working on getting license for beer booth. They want to promote some local products in booths if possible. They have not elected officers yet or decided how many booths they want. They do want to offer food items in grandstands during events and to offer breakfast in the rodeo area for contestants. Don Burrell stated that they may have a donated flat top grill if they could switch them around in burger booth. Katy stated that Bingo would still have same hour's restrictions.

Parking Contract: It has gone to Commissioners for review.

Claims: Motion to approve by Roberta and seconded by Jenny passed unanimously.

The Fair Commission adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved: _____ Date: _____