

Brown County Fair Board Minutes

May 13, 2026

Meeting was Called to Order by President Radke at 6:31PM

Board recited the Pledge of allegiance

Board members Present: Conald Burgard, Payton Carda, Aaron Dosch, Dylan Frey, Dwight Guthmiller, Nicole Hansen, Samanth Hockenbrock, Jeff Kippley, Trevor Meints, Katie Moulsoff, Brodie Mueller, Terry Nash, Nancy Radke, Rhonda Retzlaff, Alley Shelton, Dan Stevens, Jeff Swingler, Joyce Voller

Board members Absence: Joel Green, Kevin Heinrich (Phoned in), Eric Pigors

Staff members present: Rachel Kippley, McKenzie Biermann, Sarah Hartje, and Becca Tullar

Staff Absence: Misty Dosch, Commissioners Duane Sutton, Drew Dennert

Visitors present: Greg Markley, and Katie Kroger

Trevor Meints motioned to accept the resignation of Alley Shelton from the role of Secretary

Dan Stevens Second

No further discussion, Motion Carried unanimously

Nominating committee recommended Jeff Kippley to assume role as Secretary

Ronda Ratzlaff made a motion that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Kippley

Second by Alley Shelton

No discussion, Motion Carried unanimously

Public Comment: Katie Kroger expressed interest in becoming a member of the fair board.

Alley Shelton moved to recommend Katie Kroger to commission to become a fair board member

Peyton Carda second

No discussion, Motion carried unanimously

Corrections were made to the minutes

Conald Burgard moved to accept minutes from April 8th meeting as amended

Dan Stevens Second

No further discussion, Motion carried unanimously

Treasurer report was distributed

Trevor Meints Moved to Accept the Treasurer Report

Alley Shelton Second

No further discussion, Motion carried unanimously

Communications were passed around

Foundation report

Greg Markley reported that the Foundation raised \$5,247.35 at the Bullarama which will go toward the 4-H building. They also raised d \$30,667.03 at the Hall of Fame Banquet to stay with the Foundation.

Commissioner's report: No Report due to absence

4-H Report: Met with Demkota Beef and Huff Construction to work on partnership with them. Split pot raised \$1,607 and about \$8,000 on concessions at Bull Arama. State Shoot where 21 Brown County 4-H kids participated.

Fair Office Reports

Rachel: Gave update on Hwy department progress. Linda Krage will be donating 2 more cattle shades. New bleachers donated by fair foundation have arrived and will be assembled. Will be meeting with Jim Kramp to discuss electric projects. Sent off catering bid will get back for June meeting. No Chilli Cook off this year. Gave up date on sponsorships. Gave up date on hotel rooms. Extend thank you to fair board members who have been getting projects done. Reminded everyone to review playbook.

McKenzie: Gave update on board apparel. Livestock and competitive exhibits book has been printed. New members need picture before next meeting for fair book. Gave update about tractor pull. Selling Kiwanis gift cards for \$10 of which \$7 goes toward 4-H building. New campsite fill-in request form has been created and is available for campers.

Sarah: Working on hiring Judges. Ordered Ribbons. Reported that we have vendor spots available, 8 in Expo, 6 in Odde, and availability outdoor. Concession Row is full.

Committee Reports:

Advertising: Facebook views are up 30%, viewers are up 43% and 23% increase in followers.

Building and Grounds: Updated projects to come this summer.

Jeff Kippley moved to accept contract with Hub City Vending. Transaction will be \$4 per withdrawal \$1.25 to fair and vendor keeps \$2.75

Second by Dan Stevens

No discussion, Motion passed unanimously

Jeff Kippley moved to approve contract with South Dakota Nurses Association District 4 to provide First Aid at the 2026 Fair for \$1,000.

Second by Alley Shelton

No discussion, Motion passed unanimously

Camping: Biscuits to be added in centennial

Carnival and Vendors: Eide Bailey will help with pipe and drape. Will be having a committee soon.

Competitive Exhibits: Alley Shelton Moved to hire up to 40 Judges for \$50 each

Second by Terry Nash

Discussion followed, Motion approved with Ronda Ratzlaff in opposition.

Food and Catering: Updated progress

Friends of Fair: Sign-up events are June 11th, June 26th and July 17th as well as sign-up at Clubhouse July 7

Grandstand: Thanked board members who helped finish the front of grandstand stage

Junior Fair board: Leah Eisenbeisz was approved on group me to be added to the Junior Fair Board class

Livestock: Dylan Frey moved to approve livestock Judges

Samantha Hockenbrock second the motion

No discussion motion passed unanimously

Rodeo: Updated on Mutton Busting chute and ND Rough Rider cup

Special events: Katie Moulsoff moved to approve contracts with Kid sight, Columbia Fire department, and Corgi races

Terry Nash Second

No discussion motion approved

Katie Moulsoff moved to approve contract with Aldersgate church

Rhonda Ratzlaff second

No discussion, Motion passed unanimously

Clubhouse: Jeff Kippley moved to approve a contract with Joel and Sheri Weig to volunteer in the Clubhouse Saturday

Trevor Meints Second

No discussion, Motion passed unanimously

Legacy: Gave update of previous meeting with legacy board

Old Business:

Keep times of group projects on group me up to date if the time changes

New Business:

Discussion on Aberdeen Public Schools sheds, agreed to accept the donation.

It was voted by show of hands to move the June 10th meeting to Kippley's Farm (38809 126th st) at 5:30pm

It was decided not to participate in the 4th of July meeting.

It was decided to have a workday in conjunction with the probation volunteers on June 25th.

The date and time for forklift training will be determined later.

President Radke adjourned the meeting.