

Fair Committee
County Board Room, Richland County Courthouse, and via Webex
August 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Present: Robert Brookens, Gary Deaver, Steve Williamson, Kandy Putz, Denny Putz, Denise Sebranek, Kourtney Sebranek, Kerry Severson, Josh Elder, Lyrica Mars, Fair Coordinator, Karleen Craddock, Jody Cornell, Rachel Turgasen, and Sandy Campbell.

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by chair Kerry Severson at 5:00 PM.
2. **Proof of Notification** – Marks gave proof of notification
3. **Agenda Approval** – Motion to approve the agenda by Gary Deaver, second by Sandy Campbell. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Public Comment** - None
5. **Discussion of H5N1 Virus in Lactating Dairy Cattle** Cattle can come to the fair if they have been tested as it affects lactating dairy cows. Have to be tested 7 days before coming to the fair. No requirements to test non-lactating animals. Rachel Turgasen, who works in the dairy industry, explained the virus. Dairy exhibitors were contacted and willing to have a virtual fair for the lactating cow class rather than risk bringing the animals to the fair. Requested to scratch the lactating cow class and do a virtual show. Cornell has talked to the dairy judge and the judge is willing to work with the dairy exhibitors and will judge the lactating dairy cows through the pictures taken. He would like to see the pictures before the fair. Pictures and a short video of walking the animal will be submitted for judging. Biosecurity rules will be followed when going to each farm to take the pictures and videos. Motion by Campbell and second by Deaver that the lactating dairy cow class will not be held and will be moved to a virtual show. Motion was amended to allow replacement of another non-lactating dairy animal, if the exhibitors choose and need to contact Lyrica Marks by August 20. Amended motions approved on a motion by Campbell and second by Deaver, all voting aye, motion carried. It was noted by Cornell, dairy fair superintendent, that the non-lactating dairy will be spread out in the dairy barn to avoid nose to nose contact. He will also take care of getting the pictures and notifying families when they are available to have pictures taken.
6. **Future agenda items** – N/A
7. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by Deaver, second by Brookens. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lyrica Marks Fair Coordinator