



Board of Directors- Minutes May 5th, 2025

RJF Mission Statement: "Promoting the advancement of local youth through agriculture, industrial education, and recreational activities and exhibits."

- 1) Called to Order by President Jeff Becker at 6:37pm
- 2) Flag Salute
- 3) Roll Call of Directors
- a) **Directors present:** Jeff Becker, Travis Scott, Mandy Garner, Diane Collins, Stacy Pate, Michelle Scott, Victoria Stanley, Cindi Zeigler, Scott Weller, Connor Nelson, and Kelsey Weller
- b) **Members present:** Stacey Nelson, Kim Newcomer, Jasper Dilts, Dani Upson, Athena Wolfe, John Wolfe, Curtis Martineau, Christine Snyder, Russ Christiansen and Austen Martin
- c) **Guests present:** Michael Audibert, Carolyn Audibert and Jessica Nelson
- 4) Jeff Becker presented the May agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as read. Motion/Second: Stacy Pate/Cindi Zeigler. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) Jeff Becker presented the April minutes for review. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes as read. Motion/Second: Mandy Garner/Travis Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Open Forum: *Christine Snyder states she has secured the judge for the horse show. Wants to talk to Joe Stupar to make sure there is someone who will keep everything groomed during the show. *Jeff asks if there is anyone interested in the Livestock Superintendent position. Travis states he was contacted by 3 individuals interested. States Carolyn, Tank, and Jasper are all willing to help. Travis suggests maybe Carolyn be the point of contact and head of the position with Tank and Jasper as the helpers. Carolyn agrees to be Livestock Superintendent. As the position is appointed by the board, need approval. Jeff asks the board for approval as Carolyn being livestock superintendent. Board agrees unanimously.
- 7) Officer Reports
 - a) **President:** Jeff discussed April events: April 26th-Kahoots hosted Fair Precheck, which went well. Also had the Grieving Mother's retreat and Melissa said everything went well. Had about 20 people. Jeff states will continue to support that event, as it continues to grow. Ramona FFA reached out to him to host fair clean up in preparation of the BBQ and Pie Auction (which is May 31st). The clean-up day will be May 17th (0800 -1200). Re: the pig barn concrete project-states RMWD is helping in getting bids for cost, which is around \$90,000. It will be no cost for the RJF. States it will add a lot to the fairgrounds, but is dependent on the pop-up skatepark. Wants to open it up for convo so can give input to the RMWD. Travis states thinks it will help the facility-more rentability, which in turn helps cover the cost of the fairgrounds. Jeff states they are hoping to get it done before June 31st. Travis states it will be on us to get mats or shavings for the area. Stacey Nelson asks about the risks to the pigs who are used to being on dirt. Stacy Pate states they kept their pigs on cement with shavings. Should be ok on concrete, as only 5 days. Curtis states just make sure the pigs get out and are walked. States with the concrete-it is easier to sanitize the area. Scott asks how we will keep the pigs from moving the pens. Travis states all those details will pan out. Just want to secure the funding to get it done. Diane's concern is storage of the skate park's items. Jeff states they have their own trailer to store their things. Kim asks about electrical wiring. Jeff states feels there is a lot of benefit in doing this, as long we do things right. Jeff motions to approve going forward in allowing the water district to look at a plan of cementing the pig barn. Cindi seconds the motion. Discussion: see above. Motion passes unanimously.
 - b) **Vice President:** Travis states able to get more info re: Starlink for wifi - Spoke with a rep and some others that have it. Advantage: can go with lowest one each month and then come fair time can select the next level (50g-\$65/mo, 500g-\$165/mo, tarabite-\$290/mo). States with the equipment, would have to buy a kit, which varies from \$400 to \$1500. Standard kit is \$350 and enterprise is \$600. Russ states he's had it for a couple years and works easily, hasn't had any issues other than cost. Michael Audibert also states he really likes his as well, hasn't had any issues. Travis states can pause it if need to. It's month to month. We would have to do the business plan. Would be \$780/yr, which is comparable and have the option to pause it most of the year and internet would be better. States will present a more finalized quote and bring it back to next mtg. Secondly,

Chamber wants vector file-will reach out to Dani. States the vfd was replaced in the barn. Fan works great now. Met with Andrew Hankins about the sign and will get more info on that and send it back to the board for review.

- c) **Secretary:** No report
 - d) **Treasurer:** Scott Weller presented the April Treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the April treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of April 1st: \$66,050.02 and an ending balance as of April 30th: \$66,390.14. Motion/Second: Cindi Zeigler/Victoria Stanley. Abstained: Travis Scott, Mandy Garner, and Scott Weller. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously with three abstentions. Scott states the money market account didn't get closed in time r/t a mix up, but they did credit it back, so that account is making money now.
 - e) **Fair Administrator:** Diane states received ear tags.
 - f) **Fair Clerk:** No report.
 - g) **Board Members:** No report
 - h) **Youth Directors:** No Report
 - i) **Livestock Superintendent:** No report
- 8) Standing Committee Reports
- a) **Scholarship Committee:** No report. Jeff states the interviews were completed.
 - b) **Budget Committee:** No report
 - c) **Auction Committee:** Diane states all the auction office staff have confirmed. Still has one more person to talk to. Needs to find someone to staff the barn sale table. Stacy states she talked to Kristy Parker and Mary Martineau and they are willing to help as well. Athena states need to confirm if we want to use the taco people again for the auction dinner, so can get them booked. Will need \$100 deposit to book, then have up to a week prior to the event to cancel if needed. Travis states book them asap so we can use them. States he is willing to help reach out to them if needed. Athena asks about the tent for the dinner. Stacy states it has already been done, securing it from 7/25 – 8/3 (20 x 50 -\$669 for the week). Athena also asks about ice. Travis states will be the same as last year.
 - d) **Steering Committee:** Kelsey states they finalized t-shirts. Want to know if they can do \$25 for the winner. Scott states it is still within the budget. Cindi states also talked about the idea for the top 10-15 buyers from last year of giving them a free parking pass and a coupon to the food booth. Thinking \$10/person/family. Wondering if that would be ok and is within their budget as well. Connor states this week he will send out something to kids for a sign-up to do running during the pie auction.
 - e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** Diane states she took off the dairy cattle from the premium book. Need to figure out what to do with poultry. Jeff states need to talk to superintendents of those groups for their input. Diane states she did reach out to them but waiting to hear back. Has a few ideas for it.
 - f) **Awards Committee:** Victoria states they are collecting money and working on banners.
- 9) Ad-Hoc Committee Report
- a) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** Jeff states he put together a design for a 12 x 18 poster that will be handed out in town. It will be advertising Pie Auction and BBQ, RJF Fair and Country Fair. Has a few more tweaks and will get it out.
 - b) **Community Advisory Committee:** No meeting last month. RMWD is looking for 3 quotes for the concrete.
 - c) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** Jeff states already talked about the pig barn. For the beef barn-got the fan up and working. Need to return the old one. Asking if anyone out the board would want to head up the grounds committee. If anyone interested, let him know.
 - d) **Computer Committee:** Russ states nothing new, but if decide to do the poultry judging remotely, let him know at least 6 weeks ahead of time. Suggests not to use public zoom as people can interrupt, easier to do 1 on 1. Jeff states the sound system on auction day will be managed by the people that we are renting if from.
 - e) **Camping & Security Committee:** Travis states contact him if anyone is interested in using a generator during the fair, as it must be approved by board. Jeff states Travis reached out to

same security company as last year. Price is \$2205 (\$35/hr every day) from 8p – 6:30a. Last year the cost was \$1632. The budget is \$1500. Suggests possibly shorten the hrs per day for security. If we used them from 10p – 6:30a, it would cost \$1700. Victoria suggests increasing the fee for participants, poss \$5/per person, as it is for the kid's animals. Stacey Nelson, if there was a \$5-\$10 increase in the maintenance fee, it would take care of the security fee, or add a barn security fee of \$5/animal. Stacy Pate suggests see what it would be to do 10p – 6:30am and then add a barn security fee \$5/animal. Wouldn't apply to anyone doing Home Ec. Russ asks about day shows. Jeff states will reach out to the company and see if can reduce the time frame and will continue thinking about the ideas to raise more money for security, but poss wait for next year to increase price.

- f) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** Mandy states waiting on posters. She and Michelle are working on t-shirts. Mandy asks if could get reimbursed for canva. Jeff states can use canva for free because the fair is non-profit. Jeff states has the postcards done. They have been handed out to different stores for advertisement. Michelle and Mandy will be handing out posters once they are done. Jeff needs mailing list and then will be mailing out postcards as well. Travis states got the form for the pig raffle.
- g) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee-** Athena states the supplies have been moved, not sure where they ended up. It was things such as: left over cups, jugs of lemonade, and bagged silverware, and lids. States last time she saw the supplies was during the fair. Did find her shopping list of what is needed. Will send an email out to groups re: info for BBQ/pie auction. Plan is to have people come around 4pm on Friday to help set up. States on Sat she will be taking items starting at 9am – 3pm. States would like to get some hay bales for decorations, as well as boots to go with the theme.
- h) **Grants Committee-** Jeff states Erica with RMWD turned in the letter for us and it was accepted.
- i) **After Auction Committee-** Jessica states waiting to hear from Dave and Busters. Waiting on more stuff to come in. Has a list of places she has contacted and places she is waiting to hear back from. Shared what has come in so far. Still needs to reach out to places in Ramona. She also would like to be a part of Canva.
- j) **Ground Rentals:** Jeff states there are no rentals booked at this moment. Melissa will be reaching out about next year. Travis states RBI-baseball tournament will be over Memorial weekend and are asking to use the grounds on the evening of 5/24.

10) New Business: None

11) Jeff states the next RJF board meeting will be June 2nd @ 6:30p.

12) Meeting adjourned by Jeff @ 8:25p. Motion/Second: Travis/Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner
RJF Secretary

Minutes approved at the RJF Board Meeting June 2nd, 2025