



Board of Directors- Minutes April 6, 2026

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 6:34pm
- 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 Smart-Zeigler, Taytum Stanley, Payton Scott, and Carolyn Audibert
 - b) **Directors excused:** Angel Garrett
 - c) **Members present:** Kim Newcomer, Stacey Nelson, Laird Nelson, and Christine Snyder
 - d) **Guests present:** Tom Nelson, Eric Wolski, Guy Buchanan, and Susan White
- 4) Jeff Becker presented the April agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda with adding Kim Newcomer's name on # 9(h) for helping with pie auction/BBQ committee and Kyle B for security. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Payton Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) Jeff Becker presented the March minutes for review. A motion was made to approve the March minutes with the change of month and day from April 6th to March 2nd, 2026. Also, with the change of spelling in Sofia's last name. Motion/Second: Mandy Garner/Michelle Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Open Forum: *Stacy Pate suggests rescheduling the Pre-Fair Check to the first part of May due to unexpected poor weather. BOD in agreement with the change. Jeff states the only interference could be the Skate Park, as the group was tentatively going to use the park around that time. BOD agrees to tentatively May 9th for the Pre-Fair Check. Stacy states was able to rearrange the hoof trimmer as well and will call to set up another date.

*On behalf of the RJF, appreciation plaques were presented by Travis Scott. States these plaques are just the BOD's way of recognizing individuals for going above and beyond for the RJF. Plaques presented to the following: (not present, but already received the plaque) Julia Tunnell with Kahoots, Susan White, Erica Wolski with the RMWD, Kim Newcomer and Guy Buchanan, and Laird and Stacey Nelson. Jeff also gave additional recognition for all they have done for the RJF.

- 7) Officer Reports
 - a) **President:** Jeff discussed March events: March 21st was a clean-up/workday to help get ready for Spring Fling. States it went well, but not as many people to help. The tarps went up easier with the use of the carabiners, but slow to take down because they can't be cut. A special thanks to Corey and Bailey Pinkerton for helping. States Spring Fling went well, bigger than years past. Upcoming April events: Rally Cross on 4/25-26, which will hold a seminar on the 25th and day of racing on the 26th. Pre-Fair Check has now been postponed from April to May. Website: Carmella has continued to work on the website, including updating Jessica Nelson's letter on the website and will update Angel's last name as well as the pie auction and auction date.
 - b) **Vice President:** No report
 - c) **Secretary:** No report
 - d) **Treasurer:** Victoria presented the March Treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the March treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of March 1st: \$102,368.51 and an ending balance as of March 31st: \$97,166.46. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Stacy Pate. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously. Victoria states the bank fee was resolved as well as the large amount outstanding exhibitor check. States just have a few smaller amount checks outstanding, but not sure how to handle. Will wait and see if they get deposited. Jeff asks what to do with Amazon receipts. Victoria states to email the receipt to her.
 - e) **Fair Administrator:** Diane states the ribbons have been ordered and judges finalized.
 - f) **Fair Clerk:** No report
 - g) **Board Members:** No report
 - h) **Youth Directors:** No Report

- i) **Livestock Superintendent:** Carolyn states she sent an email to the US gentleman and the person who does carcass but hasn't heard back. Also hasn't heard back from ECLAP. States the shavings donated from Kahoots and Livery will be delivered the week before the fair.
- 8) Standing Committee Reports
- a) **Scholarship Committee:** Michelle states the application closed last month and received 5 applications. States will be doing interviews at the end of April.
 - b) **Budget Committee:** No report
 - c) **Auction Committee:** Stacy states she finalized the buyer's lunch catering. Going with the same business as the past few years. Also states received a quote for the tarp rental. State they require 50% deposit. Is inquiring if it would be more beneficial to buy our own tarp. Jeff states he did look at buying one. To rent a tarp, it would be approx. \$800, so in buying our own, it would eventually pay for itself, and it would help when renting out the fairgrounds. Would need about 20 x 50 in size. Guy Buchanan inquired about storage requirement/space for it, which shouldn't be a problem. Need to see where it would fit into the budget. Victoria states she will look at the budget and get back to the board. Jeff states the range he saw was from \$4000-\$5500.
 - d) **Steering Committee:** Payton states they chose a t-shirt design for the steering committee, which the winner received a \$25 gift card, but had a second person who will get a \$10 gift card for doing a pocket design. Diane asks about their schedule of events for the premium book. Cindi states they have one from last year, but need to finalize it and will get it to Diane. Next meeting will be held on 4/15 @ 6:30pm.
 - e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** Diane discussed the changes this year for rules & premium book. States doesn't have the copies for BOD currently r/t issue with format/printing but will send them out. The updates discussed include updating current BOD names, adding in the poultry show (went back to 2024 rules and added those back in. States the only change with those rules was leaving the written knowledge test and leaving out the Avian bowl). States for the poultry show-check-in will be at 0700 and will start at the same time as rabbit and cavy. The US info is to be determined once the details are finalized. Changes with swine show: added in 4pm will be mandatory feeding time because the show starts at 5pm, which helps with the pig's behavior. The dairy cattle show will start at 9am. Horse show check-in will start at 7:30am, with gates opening at 6:30am and the show starting at 8:30am. Additional discussion of updates on page 2 to include adding in last year's friend of the fair and added all Grand and Reserve champions. Page 3 updates include the online entry close date and time for exhibitors of July 14th at 10pm and leader/advisor entry close date of July 18th at 10pm. The first aid form has been updated. Additionally, the max auction pay weight of 300lbs for swine has been included as well as verbiage about sheep/goats and underweight animals. Added that underweight animals are barn sale only and can't go on the truck. They will be self-haul only. Stacy states auction info has been updated to Saturday, August 1st at 1pm. Added more clarification about uniform. Travis states he suggested adding in that exhibitors can only show own animal in showmanship class. Diane states she is needing clarification on wording for Home Ec and Welding classes. Discussed further with Kim and Guy. Victoria asks about Senior Novice parameters. States we had talked about previously, but never finalized it. Tabled for further discussion by BOD prior to premium book needing to be approved. Animal handling information will be added to include exhibitors only and superintendents as needed. Will be at the discretion of the superintendents and will need to be approved if any additional handling is required of animal, outside of the exhibitor. Mandy states found info in last year's minutes re: Senior Novice class to keep it with a min of 5 exhibitors to win an award. States voted to keep it for 2025 but discuss further for 2026.
 - f) **Awards Committee:** Victoria states letters were sent out and sponsorships continue to come in. The website has also been updates with all necessary info as well as now have working Venmo, Paypal and Zelle accounts. Working on new banners in multiple sizes.
- 9) Ad-Hoc Committee Report
- a) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** Travis and Jeff met with some members of the Chamber. Travis states on July 4th, the Chamber asking to utilize the RJF parking lot, renting out to RVs. Jeff states the money earned from that will be split between RJF and Chamber. Will be keeping it small for parking lot use. If fair board members want to camp that weekend, let Jeff know. It will be free to camp for board members.

- b) **Community Advisory Committee:** Jeff states skate park details are still being figured out. They will possibly be using the grounds every other Friday and Sunday.
 - c) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** Jeff states has been working with Tom and Erica on grant stuff. Tom and Travis collected quotes on things. Travis states he still needs to meet with Matt Parker to assist with C-Train movement and placement of concrete. States he is working on getting more telephone poles to replace more of the older poles.
 - d) **Ground Maintenance Committee:** Tom states he is unable to find the correct sized LED lights for some of the outer pole lights, so will need help with that. Still working on finishing the trim of Home Ec floor. States still needing quotes for the roof and barn vent, but good with the AC. Spoke with Clay and he suggests giving a lot of time to get engineering and permits, so looking at months of work. Jeff states may be able to try and sell some of the stands. Tom suggests figuring out a price and he will post them and willing to help with the sale. Suggested to start at \$1000 to sell them.
 - e) **Computer Committee:** Jeff states Brian put up three WIFI systems and was able to fix one on the pole. States WIFI is working great now, other than around the barns. Victoria states she is meeting with Brian next week to set up Starlink, which will increase the strength of internet connection. Stacey Nelson states Connor is willing to help again during fair week.
 - f) **Camping & Security Committee:** Need to create camping email. Kyle B. is willing to assist with security.
 - g) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** Mandy states continuing to work on marketing/advertising with FB posts. Also have been working with Deb Huff on kissing booth on auction day using baby animals or do a photo booth with props. Would be asking for donations. Deb is requesting to have the booth up front and center, so people can see it. Jeff suggests pushing the beef ring back and could have more room for vendors and would still be in the center. Also working with Michelle on t-shirts. Travis states pie auction banner is done and is asking if someone can ask Bobby Neal to hang the banner, would appreciate it.
 - h) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee-** Jeff states he will be designing and sending out post cards for the Pie Auction. Also, will be working on the process for the permits. Kim states she is willing to help where needed and Morgan Nelson volunteered to help with check-in. States she will be meeting with Athena to get more details. Kim asks about financial part of it. Victoria said she will oversee it and will figure it out.
 - i) **Grants Committee-** Stacey states need to follow-up for a recent 990 form for the ice machine grant. Victoria states she will look for it.
 - j) **After Auction Committee-** Jeff states printed flyers for Jessica and she picked them up.
 - k) **Ground Rentals:** Guy Buchanan asked about hosting Boy Scout Leadership Training at the fairgrounds, May 16th and 17th. Jeff states a family member from Ramona Wranglers group is asked to rent about 20 chairs and 4 tables from the fair on July 11th. Board feels it would be better to have that individual rent from somewhere else. Travis states Jasmin (56 Ranchers 4H) is wanting to host a Talent Show on May 2nd to include all of SD county clubs.
- 10) New Business: Carolyn asks about having a lanyard or different color shirt for superintendents and board members, so they are easily recognized during fair.
- 11) Jeff states the next RJF board meeting will be May 4th @ 6:30p.
- 12) Meeting adjourned by Jeff @ 8:27p. Motion/Second: Stacy Pate/Travis Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner
RJF Secretary

Minutes approved at the RJF Board Meeting May 4th, 2026

