

Three Forks Rodeo Arena Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting held Monday, June 30, 2025

Our regular meeting was held on this date at Cook Shack, located at 95691 MT Hwy 2, Three Forks, MT at 5:40pm.

Present were Casey Elmore, Ann Price, Mike Lane, Adam Miller, Ryan Pestel, Gene Townsend and Ryan Hamilton. Marketing Director Christina Kamps and Executive Secretary Crystal Turner were also present.

Financials & Approval of Minutes

Casey asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes. Gene Townsend moved to approve the minutes of June 2nd. Ann Price seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Crystal reported the claims to be paid, which were a reimbursement to the City for payroll and gas charges on the City's account, reimbursing Crystal for mileage to drop off tickets at the three Murdoch's, Main Street Office for posters, and Northwestern Energy. Gene Townsend moved to approve the bills and pay them. Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Adam reported there is \$269,483 total cash between the various accounts. Christina reported that 375 Friday adult and 471 Saturday adult tickets have been sold so far. Casey said he gave the approval to order a new fuel tank for the tractor, which was quoted at \$680 for the 30-gallon, but it needs to be fixed before the rodeo.

Rodeo & Events

Christina Kamps said she sent everyone their bios to review for the Program. Casey asked if Crystal would contact H&E Equipment and see about them bringing grade-alls and generators. Casey said hopefully the electrical project would be done, but should have generators reserved just in case that project is incomplete at rodeo time. Crystal is to go pick up some long-sleeve shirts for the chute/gate helpers. Christina said she has been working with Kendall Edmo on a cool new design/logo for the volunteer and for-sale shirts. Adam asked if it was OK for him to spend \$50 on a microphone for the clown, "It's a wireless mic that the clown would use and goes with our equipment."

Gene Townsend moved to allow Adam to purchase the mic. Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Ryan Pestel spoke with Bridger Brewing too and is OK to order beer when we get the permit. He is going to do 2 from Sawdust & Steel and 2 from Bridger - lighter side beers which will all be in cans; we will not be dealing with keg. He is also going to get a non-alcoholic option, per Christina's recommendations.

Crystal reported who will be doing the 50/50 ticket sales: TF School PAC group on Friday and TF Fastpitch Softball on Saturday. Adam recommended a set location to pick the winnings up. It was decided that the Main Gate beer garden will be the pick up spot. The sellers get 50% of the winnings and the winning ticket holder gets the other 50%. If no one collects the winning ticket it will be donated to the bleacher fund. Adam recommended the selling group will get a check cut to them after the rodeo so he can deposit all funds for clear bookkeeping. Crystal to let the 50/50 selling groups know.

Crystal to coordinate with Matt Jones of Steer In Trailer Sales to borrow a trailer for the rodeo office.

We will all meet at the rodeo grounds on 7/17/2025 for setup. Crystal to order pizzas from Stageline for the group.

Casey said that Jacob's Livestock sent him a couple names and prices for the "funny man" which he thought was kind of expensive. Crystal said she believed the contract stated they were to provide the funny man, judges, etc. She will check and get back to Casey tomorrow.

Someone asked if there was any update on the ATM contract. Adam said no, they were looking at the insurance requirement language. However, they will have ATMs for the rodeo.

Crystal to double check with John at Hoffman's Potty Princess to ensure he has servicing the potties over the 4th of July team roping event.

Regarding the Barrel Racing group who is renting the facility, Casey reported the Whobee sits down there and makes a run every 8 runs or so and then is idling the tractor. These are 7-8 hour events and we aren't making any money when they just reserve the arena for the standard. Crystal will look at Lauren's application; the Board to review the fees/language for clarity as well for next season. Casey said to put that on a fall agenda.

Committee Reports

Master Plan: Casey said Mike Helzer is working on the electrical and may be done before rodeo.

Bleacher Addition: Nothing to update.

Special Projects: Nothing at this time.

New Business

There was no new business.

The next meeting will be 8/4/2025 at 5:30 at the Sacajawea. Crystal to make a reservation.

With no further business, Ryan Hamilton moved to adjourn. Adam Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.