

Harney County Fair Board Meeting – Agenda
March 2, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
County Courthouse Downstairs Meeting Room

Consent Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. [February 2026](#)
 - b. February minutes were approved unanimously
4. Changes to the Agenda
 - a. None
5. [Manager's Report](#)

Guest/Public Comment & Correspondence

- None submitted

Action Items

1. Election of Officers
 - a. Tabled – board members absent

Discussion Items

1. Fair Foundation Update
 - a. An initial meeting has been scheduled for the foundation. One of the two needed positions has been filled.
 - b. Christine continues to search for funding opportunities and is working on two different applications.
 - c. CIP has been submitted and is under initial review with Merkley's team
2. Truck/Tractor Pull
 - a. Work on the production continues in a positive direction and committee is working to get details worked out
 - b. Working to get donations run through a non-profit
 - c. Lindsey volunteered to type an MOU similar to the Derby MOU and email to Gary
3. [MOU Draft Livestock](#)
 - a. The draft provided by the livestock committee after the worksession was amended differently than was discussed in the worksession. The fair board agreed to address this draft at a work session as it was not what was expected and to have it sent back to County Council as many of the legal components were changed and some unnecessary components from the first draft also needed removed.
 - b. A work session will be scheduled when the livestock committee's revised draft comes back from County Council.

4. Budget

- a. Lindsey had budget copies printed for all board members. As a group, the budget was discussed and amended, line by line, with clarifications and explanations of details and how the process works and what the roles of the Board, Manager, Budget Officer, and Treasurer are. Some amendments were made and the preliminary budget was mostly completed and ready for discussion with the county budget officer.
- b. Rob brought up the House and Senate Bills regarding the cap removal on the 1% lottery funds and also the funding to support horse racing. Both bills were looking promising with session closing on Friday March 6th. Short discussion was held about the intent of the funds from each bill and how that may possibly impact both the fair and the fairgrounds.

2026 Fair Updates *3-5 minute time limit (anything requiring more time we will schedule a work session)*

1. Sponsorships
 - a. No updates
2. Fair Book – Due Date for all submitted materials is April 15
 - a. No new information - waiting for submissions to come in
3. Open Class
 - a. Work session scheduled with superintendents
 - b. Kate is working on the re-writing of the entry guide, using the state fair's guide as a template
4. Vendors
 - a. Application has been updated and ready to be posted and emailed out.
5. Ticketing/Parking
6. Parade/100 Horses
7. Entertainment
 - a. Contact with applicants will be made this week regarding submissions
8. Livestock Exhibits/Auction
 - a. Discussion regarding fair date change for 2027 or if it would need to be pushed to 2028 to accommodate breeding schedules.
9. Royalty
10. FFA
11. 4-H
12. Rodeo/Arena/Track
13. Capital Improvement Projects