**Call to Order:** Chairman Faron Wahl called the meeting to order. The roll call was called, and a quorum was present.

Members present: Faron Wahl, Gary Sharp, Jo Beal, Denise Muntefering, Justin Bell, Scott Cordts, Amanda Stade, Judy Stevens, Jamie White, and Dusty Anderson.

Others present: Peggy Besch, Candi Briley, and Katie Eslick.

1. **Approve Agenda – Additions/Changes:** White made a motion; seconded by Sharp to approve the agenda; motion carried by roll call vote.
2. **Approval of December 12, 2023, Minutes:** Motion was made by Anderson; seconded by Stevens, to approve the minutes from December 12, 2023; motion carried by roll call vote.
3. **Public Comment Period:** None.
4. **Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair):** Anderson nominated Wahl as Chair; seconded by Cordts. Sharp made a motion for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot; White seconded; motion carried by roll-call vote (Wahl abstained). Anderson nominated White as Vice Chair; seconded by Cordts. Sharp made a motion for nominations to cease; seconded by Stevens; motion carried by roll-call vote (White abstained).
5. **DEX Update:** Besch introduced Katie Eslick, new DEX Manager. Reported on recent and upcoming events scheduled in the DEX including PRCA Rodeo for March 1-2, 2024. Governor’s Ag Summit will be held in June.
6. **SHED Update:** Besch reported on House Bill 1065: An Act to make an appropriation for the design and construction of a multi-use building on the grounds of the State Fair and to declare an emergency. This is The SHED bill working through the legislative process. With high hopes the bill will pass, fundraising efforts will resume with the plan to have the groundbreaking ceremony at the 2024 State Fair and start construction following the fair.
7. **2024 SD State Fair:** 
   1. Grandstand Show Start Time: Concerts will have an 8 PM start time.
   2. State Fair Start Date: Besch reported she has started the Administrative Rules process to change the rules to reflect Wednesday as the official start date of the fair. The public hearing will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 9am.
   3. Open Class Sheep Show: Will be held the weekend before the State Fair, August 24-25, 2024.
8. Camping Reservations: Jeanette Linke is working on camping renewals with a March 1, 2024, deadline. New reservations for Gate 13 and Lot H will not start until July 1.
9. Competitive Exhibits: Working on exhibitor handbooks and working through any changes or new programming. Entries will go live April 1, 2024.
10. Vendor Renewals: Julie Kropuenske is working on vendor renewals and reviewing new applications for both State Fair and Wheel Jam. A little over half of the vendor renewals have renewed. Besch reported that due to staffing issues, the SD Cattlemen’s Association has decided to not renew their space in the Food Court. Efforts will be made to try and find a vendor that would serve beef in this space.
11. **Miscellaneous:**
12. Year-in-Review: Members received a handout that provided a brief overview of the past year with some statistical information.
13. Renaming of Buildings: The Women’s Building and Family Living Center/Tech Center will be renamed to better reflect what takes place in those buildings. The Women’s Building will be renamed to Horizons Hall and the Family Living Center/Tech Center will be called Midway Mercantile.
14. Employment: Working to fill some keep key full time and seasonal positions including Buildings & Grounds Operations Manager, Security Superintendent and Wine Pavilion Superintendent. Besch stated there is interest and good candidates.
15. **4-H Update:** Stade reported the State 4-H Horse Show will be held in the DEX this year. The goal with the 4-H State Fair book to go live April 1, 2024. There is a desire to add more sheep pens in the 4-H Livestock Complex. This might be accomplished by reducing the space between the rows to add another row. 4-H Sheep and Goats would like to use the Open Class Sheep backdrop. Looking into having a Rabbit Hopping Show.
16. **Non-Fair Time Activities**: Working on logistics for PRCA Rodeo, a couple of barrel racing events, Wheel Jam, SD BBQ Championships and Governor’s Ag Summit.
17. **Maintenance and Repairs:** The Recreational Avenue project (water/sewer) will start soon. This will run from Grandstand Way to the south side of Livestock Avenue. Hired a contractor to start working on horse stall repairs.
18. **Commissioner or Manager Reports:** None.
19. **Executive Session:** None.
20. **Adjourned.**