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

Members present via Teams: Faron Wahl, Dusty Anderson, Gary Sharp, Jo Beal, Sherman Gose, Denise Muntefering, Erin Yost, Jamie White, Justin Bell, and Scott Cordts (in person).

Others present: Peggy Besch and Candi Briley.

1. **Approve Agenda – Additions/Changes:** Cordts made a motion; seconded by Muntefering to approve the agenda as written; motion carried by roll-call vote.
2. **Approval of January 17, 2023, Minutes:** Motion was made by Sharp; seconded by Yost, to approve January 17, 2023, minutes; motion carried by roll-call vote.
3. **Public Comment Period:** There were no public comments.
4. **DEX Update:** Besch provided a brief update:

* To date, construction timeline still on schedule with substantial completion June 2023.
  + Senate Bill 18, the DEX funding bill, is working its way through the legislative process. The bill asks for an additional $9 million in one-time funds to complete the project ($6 million general funds and $3 million other funds).
  + Working on donor signage for the building.

1. **SHED Update:** Fundraising efforts will continue with a fundraising goal of $3 million. The hope is to have the fundraising commitments by this year’s state fair.
2. **Building Names:** A list of possible names to rename the Women’s Building and Family Living Center/Tech Center were distributed asking for members to vote for their top two choices.
3. **2023 SD State Fair:** August 31-September 4.
   * Admission Fees: Besch stated she will be moving forward on the Administrative Rules process to change the admission fees for the 2023 State Fair as previously discussed: Adults to increase to $10 and youth to increase to $5 (packages will adjust accordingly). There will be opportunities to purchase in advance at a discounted price.
   * DEX Transition Team: The committee has been meeting and is still working through many of the details including the schedule, load-in/load-out, outside ties, stalling, etc.
   * Grandstand Ticket Takers: Besch stated there will be looking for new grandstand ticket takers as the current team has submitted their resignations as they wish to retire.
   * Wine Pavilion Superintendent: Will be seeking a new Wine Pavilion Superintendent as the current superintendent is moving.
   * Camping Reservation Renewal: Camping renewals went out early January. About 65% have been renewed. The renewal deadline is March 1. New reservations for Gate 13 and H open April 17.
   * Vendor Renewal: 288 renewals have been sent out with approximately 75% already returned. Now working on issuing contracts. Also working on securing vendors for Wheel Jam.
   * Other: Working on updating the Exhibitor Handbooks.
   * Entertainment Update: Briley gave a brief update on some of the free stage acts she has confirmed. There are several acts she is still researching.
   * Sponsorships: Briley mentioned we lost a longtime sponsor but also has some very exciting prospects that we are working to confirm.
   * Other:
     1. Anderson mentioned doing Football at the Fair again. This will be researched further.
     2. Besch mentioned the Governor’s recent Executive Order banning doing business with companies owned by certain foreign governments. The office is working on securing certification forms from businesses we do business with and advised members if they need to purchase supplies for reimbursement to ensure they are on the approved list.
4. **Non-Fair Time Activities**: There are many upcoming meetings, and celebrations but the upcoming public events include Performance Radio Outdoor Show and Heartland Pool and Dart Tournament in March and Wheel Jam June 1-4.
5. **Maintenance and Repairs**:

* Tech Center restrooms are currently under construction.
* Women’s Building interior is currently getting painted.

1. **Commissioner or Manager Reports:** None.
2. **Executive Session:** Bell made a motion, seconded by Muntefering, to go into executive session to discuss contractual matter; motion carried by roll-call vote.
3. **Adjournment:** Wahl declared out of executive session and with no further business, meeting adjourned.