**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, Erin Yost, Gary Sharp, Jo Beal, Denise Muntefering, Justin Bell, Scott Cordts, Amanda Stade, Judy Stevens, Jamie White, Dusty Anderson, Sherman Gose and Kevin Hofer.

Others present: Peggy Besch, Candi Briley, Katie Eslick, David Smith.

1. **Approve Agenda – Additions/Changes:** Yost made a motion; seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda with the addition of 6.F Jingle, 6.G Goat Show, and 6.H Avian Influenza; motion carried by roll call vote.
2. **Approval of February 20, 2024, Minutes:** Motion was made by White; seconded by Sharp, to approve the minutes from February 20, 2024; motion carried by roll call vote.
3. **Public Comment Period:** None.
4. **SHED Update:** House Bill 1065 passed allocating $4 million in general funds to the project, authorizing $4 million in other funds (fundraising dollars), and declaring it an emergency so the project can move forward. Fundraising efforts continue. Will be hiring an architectural firm to develop construction documents. Looking for ways to reduce costs. There will be base bid items with several alternates which will be selected based on budget.
5. **DEXtravaganza:** Governor’s Ag Summit will be held June 12-13, 2024, with educational programming and area tours. June 13 is the Thomas Rhett concert in the DEX.
6. **2024 SD State Fair:** 
   1. State Fair Start Date: The Administrative Rules process is complete and approved changing Wednesday as the official start date of the fair. Gates will open at their normal time. Vendor buildings will be open. The carnival will start at 3pm. Live entertainment on select stages.
   2. Lot 8 Parking: To accommodate outside ties for beef cattle in the DEX, staff is exploring several options including moving handicap and/or vendor parking to Lot 8.
   3. Vendor Renewals: 277 vendor renewal letters have been sent out with 246 returned to date. Starting to work on contracts. The vendor coordinator has been working to try and fill the vacant space in the Food Court to replace SD Cattlemen’s. We do have a couple of prospects.
   4. Competitive Exhibits: All of the exhibitor handbooks are online except horse events. The education entry deadline was April 12.
   5. Entertainment: Briley gave an update on grandstand entertainment including Goo Goo Dolls, Trace Adkins, Riley Green, and bull riding. Openers will take the stage at 8 PM. Still working on trying to secure something in the grandstand for Monday. Briley also mentioned we are discontinuing the Dakota Star competition due to lack of participation.
   6. Jingle: Staff has been working with our marketing agency on a jingle for the State Fair utilizing some of the components of a jingle from years ago. Members listened to the draft jingle with favorable comments.
   7. Goat Show: Briley stated we are working to add a Registered Royal Champion Boer Goat Show to the State Fair. This would be a load-and-go show. Date TBD.
   8. Avian Influenza: Members had a brief discussion about avian influenza (bird flu) and if we anticipate any impact on the State Fair. Besch stated the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources does monitor and will continue to do so. Currently, we do not anticipate any changes.
7. **Miscellaneous:**
8. 4-H Beef Exhibits Building: Tentative plans are to move half of the structure to the north side of the DEX and the other half to the south end.
9. Seasonal Employment: Besch stated the positions of Maintenance Operations, Security and Wine Pavilion Superintendents have been filled.
10. **4-H Update:** Stade reported on the following:

* Registration deadline is August 13.
* Animal updates:
  + Lease agreement has been updated.
  + Registration papers are due on August 13.
  + DNA for 4-H Market Animals is due June 1.
  + All 4-H beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must be certified through an approved 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) program. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed a YLL program by July 1 of the current year.
  + Youth that participate in State Fair Showmanship, State Fair Breeding/Market Shows, and State Skill-A-Thon contests will be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor Awards. This award is divided into Large Animal and Small Animal +Dairy.
  + Port-a-coolers are prohibited on all State Fair properties. Butt fans are only allowed at tie-outs where electricity allows.
  + No livestock are allowed in the campgrounds.
  + No tents or canopies are allowed at the DEX.
  + Tack stalls in the DEX will be available for $90/tack stall upon online entry. One tack stall consists of two ties. Only one tack stall per family/address is allowed. If a family is found having a tack stall without paying the fee, they will be asked to either remove their tack or pay the fee at that time. Failure to comply may result in further disciplinary actions at the discretion of 4-H staff.
  + Beef Ultrasound has been discontinued.
* Display Exhibits Updates
  + The cookie size for cookies has increased.
  + Photography mounting board options have changed.
  + A Christmas Ornament Lot has been added. Selected ornaments have the potential to be displayed on a 4-H Tree at the Capitol during the holidays.
* Special Foods Update:
  + The Revive with 5 (or Fewer Ingredients) Challenge has been added to Special Foods. This challenge will take place during Shift 6 (Friday at 2:30 p.m.) and Shift 10 (Saturday at 2:30 p.m.)
* 4-H Ambassador Interview Location
  + Mandy asked if they could use the Old Administration Building for 4-H Ambassador Interviews. In the past, they have had to use 3 different locations throughout the week.  It would be for approximately 1 youth and 3 adults. The State Fair Office will think of potential options.

1. **Non-Fair Time Activities**: Eslick gave an update on DEX activities including Weeknights at the DEX (weekly barrel racing and team roping events as schedule allows), SD Summer Spotlight will be moving to the DEX versus the 4-H Livestock Complex, the Shine Circus will be in the DEX in 2025, looking at a motor cross event, and we were recently awarded the SDRA Rodeo Finals for 2025 and 2026. Eslick also presented a DEX logo design.
2. **Maintenance and Repairs:** 
   1. Recreational Avenue: Water and sewer replacement is underway.
   2. Tap Haus: Has new overhead doors on both the east and west sides of the building.
   3. Wine Pavilion: Has new overhead doors on the east and west sides of the building.
   4. Horse Stall Repairs: The Hippodrome is complete, and the contractor has started working on the north stalls.
   5. DEX Sidewalk: A sidewalk will be put in on the west side of the DEX going west to Recreation Avenue.
3. **Commissioner or Manager Reports:** None.
4. **Executive Session:** None.
5. **Adjourned.**