**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, Jamie White, Justin Bell, Scott Cordts, Amanda Stade.

Others present: Peggy Besch and Candi Briley.

1. **Approve Agenda – Additions/Changes:** Bell made a motion; seconded by Sharp to approve the agenda as written; motion carried.
2. **Approval of February 21, 2023, Minutes:** Motion was made by Cordts; seconded by Sharp, to approve February 21, 2023, minutes; motion carried.
3. **Public Comment Period:** There were no public comments.
4. **DEX Update:** Besch provided a brief update:

* Construction timeline is extremely tight but still on schedule with substantial completion June 2023. Any loss of business due to weather could result in slight delays.
* Building should be completely enclosed by the end of May with all steal work complete leaving way for subcontractors to work on utilities and finishes.
* Pavement of sidewalk and roadways is slated for the near future.

1. **SHED Update:** Fundraising efforts will continue with a fundraising goal of $3 million. The fundraising committee is getting ready to launch a comprehensive fundraising campaign: Raise The SHED: the Grand Drive. A calendar has been established outlining strategies to showcase The SHED and garner support.
2. **Building Names:** New names for the Women’s Building and the Family Living Center/Tech Center will be announced soon.
3. **2023 SD State Fair:** August 31-September 4.
   * Admission Fees: Interim Rules Hearing is scheduled for May 2, 10am in Pierre regarding increasing admission fees for the 2023 State Fair as previously discussed: Adults to increase to $10 and youth to increase to $5 (camping packages will adjust accordingly). There will be opportunities to purchase in advance at a discounted price.
   * Grandstand Ticket Takers: Besch stated that the fair 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 are complete. Reservations opened to the public on April 17 for Lot H and Gate 13 (all dry camping).
   * Vendor Renewal: 289 renewal applications were sent out with 222 vendor agreements issued. Also working on vendors for Wheel Jam, of which 17 are confirmed to-date.
   * Exhibitor Handbooks: Exhibitor handbooks are all online except for Equestrian. Education entries are ending soon.
   * Entertainment Update: Briley gave a brief update on some of the free stage and roaming acts she has confirmed. Will be announcing the last grandstand act later this week. Public tickets will go on sale June 20.
   * Sponsorships: Briley mentioned we lost a longtime sponsor but also has some very exciting prospects that we are working to confirm.
   * Football at the Fair: Hoping to offer this experience again this year on Thursday, August 31. Still need to work through the details.
4. **4-H Update:** Stade shared a few changes to the livestock schedule including moving the breeding sheep to Monday. She also stated all goats and sheep must be on grounds by Thursday, August 31, 12 noon. The State 4-H Horse Show moved to Ft. Pierre for 2023. The Dog Show is transitioning into a regional dog show concept. Will be accepting applications for the vacant animal position.
5. **Non-Fair Time Activities**: Cold storage has ended, so campers and boats are moving out. Winter riding and stalling is also over. There are many upcoming meetings, and celebrations including Stock Car Races May 18, Wheel Jam June 1-4, National Rambouillet Sheep Show June 20-25, and American Gelbvieh Jr. Show June 30-July 8.
6. **Maintenance and Repairs**:

* Tech Center restrooms are currently under construction.
* Women’s Building interior painting project is complete.
* Arts & Education Building will have the floor painted.
* Rushmore Corner will have a roof replacement.

1. **Commissioner or Manager Reports:** None.
2. **Executive Session:** None.
3. **Adjourned.**