**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, Erin Yost, Amanda Stade, Sherman Gose, Dusty Anderson, and Judy Stevens.

Others present: Peggy Besch and Candi Briley.

1. **Approve Agenda – Additions/Changes:** Sharp made a motion; seconded by Anderson, to approve the agenda as written; motion carried.
2. **Approval of June 20, 2023, Minutes:** Motion was made by Bell; seconded by Beal, to approve June 20, 2023, minutes; motion carried.
3. **Public Comment Period:** There were no public comments.
4. **DEX Update:** Substantial completion is scheduled for August 3. Interior signage is starting to go up. Dirt-work will be done the week of July 24.
5. **SHED Update:** Fundraising efforts continue with a fundraising goal of $3 million.
6. **2023 SD State Fair:** August 31-September 4.
   * Gate Admission: Recently launched a promotion to encourage people to purchase gate admission in advance to receive a 20% discount.
   * Camping: All on grounds camping are sold. Gate 13 and Lot H (dry camping) are close to being full. We will promote Lot J (old football practice field) for nightly camping.
   * Competitive Exhibits: The static entry deadline is July 31 and livestock deadline is August 1.
   * Vending: Vending is going very well. Working on filling the remaining spaces. The Food Court is full.
   * Entertainment: Briley gave a summary on the entertainment confirmed thus far. The event guide is in production and will go to print the end of the week.
   * Open Class Sheep and Beef Show: Open Class Sheep will show August 26-27. Open Class Beef will show August 29-30. The DEX Transition Team (includes representatives from 4-H, FFA, Open Class, Commission, and State Fair staff) has been working hard on all of the logistics to ensure a successful transition.
   * Football at the Fair: Thursday, August 31, 7pm in the Beer Garden. Discussed logistics.
   * VIP Lounge: Will be serving food and beverages.
   * On-grounds Parking: Will be working with Rudy’s Towing Service to tow vehicles without proper credentials or not parked where they are supposed to be parked including in fire lanes.
   * Seasonal Staff Vacancies: Some of the positions have been filled but still looking for a Wine Pavilion Superintendent.
   * SD Largest Classroom: Looking for someone to greet buses, students and provide instruction.
   * Friday, September 1: Wear Red Day.
   * Bob Duxbury Award: Will be presented Thursday, August 31, 11:45 AM at the Freedom Stage.
   * Commissioner Assignments: Commissioners volunteered for various duties.
7. **4-H Update:** Stade gave a brief update on 4-H activities. August 8th is the entry deadline. Hopeful the Livestock position will be filled prior to fair. There are new scales they will be using this year. Also holding some zoom meetings with new exhibitors.
8. **Non-Fair Time Activities**: Besch report that both the National Rambouillet Sheep Show and American Gelbvieh Jr. Show were a success. There are a variety of upcoming events including SD Summer Spotlight the end of July and Agtegra Customer Appreciation early August.
9. **Maintenance and Repairs**:

* Tech Center restrooms are complete.
* Rushmore Corner roof replacement is in progress.
* A large industrial fan will be installed over the showring in the Swine Barn thanks to the support from SD Pork Producers.

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