

Tripp Co Fair board met on February 9 2026 7 pm at the 4-H Center.

Members present were Brad, Barb, Laura, Bretta, Kirby, and Debbie.

Marquee from the Extension Office

Secretary report was read and approved Laura made the motion to approve and Tara 2nd the motion.

Treasure report was given by Laura, ending balance was \$22561.71.

Debbie made the motion to approve the treasury report and Kirby 2nd all were in favor motion passed.

Rodeo Account \$19754.503

Scale Account \$6525.09

Bretta \$100.00

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City of Winner \$1133.51

H&O Elec \$10.56

Appera \$53.41

Mead Lumber \$36.03

Golden West \$ 75.21

Winner Welding \$66.00

Income

\$450.00 County Meeting (Dec)

FD chairs \$100.00

City of Winner Donation \$5000.00

Brad reported that the city donated \$5000.00 this year instead of the \$7500.00 because they are going to mow the North Lot for us this year.

Laura also had a few deposits to return Fire Department Barb returned to Jason Orel. Sharp Shooter Classic was returned also.

Laura then asked if the RMEF had paid the extra for the beer stand for their event and Brad said that it will be coming the check comes from Montana.

Laura also had a list of the actuals for the board from the 2025 year.

Marquee reported that SDSU has 40 kids signed up for the cow/calf workshop being held at the center.

Debbie asked about solar panels for the facility, Brad said that Cole from Cybertek has also mentioned this, instead of using so much electricity from the city could it be more cost effective. The facility is a large commercial and the city does not want to let us

leave. The board did discuss this and Debbie said that she would talk to Cole and Randy Donovan and see who to talk to about an estimate and what it would take to do this.

Brad talked to Tim Pravecek about the doors and the new key pad. They discussed having the doors open for the 2 nights of shooting sports for certain time periods instead of having a code to put in every time. Example Monday 5:30pm-7:30 pm and on Thursday 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. This would be easier for the shooting sports people and less confusing also.

The board also rec an email from Chelsea saying the office personnel including the summer assistant also the board will have access to the app for the doors. There will be key faubs and codes for anyone who rents the facility for a given time only.

Kirby asked Marquee about reserving the camping spots she said that they are doing that somewhat already. Tara asked about numbering them if that would make it easier to keep track of them. Marquee said that would be a great idea and it would definitely help.

Barb was asked by the T4 Foundation if they could use the facility for free for a bingo night once a month. The board discussed this and decided that no they could not only because of the cost of using the building the heat / ac and cleaning all cost the board no matter what is going on.

Kirby is going to talk to the Commissioners about making a ditch and putting in a culvert to divert the water on the rodeo grounds as of now it heads right into the arena. He was also thinking about asking for another approach into the grounds also. He also said that the group is working on tearing things out and getting started on some of the remodel on the arena. He said that the chutes are done they just need painted.

Debbie said that she has looked at 7 level bleachers for over by the small arena. Kirby has visited with Bonnie Rutten about writing a grant for the bleachers and she said that she would do this for the board Tara said maybe she could add in that they maybe could be covered also.

Laura made the motion to adjourn the meeting Tara
2nd the motion all were in favor motion carried. Next meeting will be March 9 2026 at 7 pm.

Secretary Barb Watzel

All treasure report is posted in the secretary book.

Possible Executive Session