

Custer County Agricultural Society

Regular Board Meeting

December 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Shooting Sports Building by President Kent Nelson. President Nelson informed those present of the location and availability of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act publication. The meeting notification and agenda were posted in advance at the Custer County Courthouse and mailed to each board member.

Members present were Shawn Lehmkuhler, Deena Hardee, Casey Cooksley, Ira Spanel, Kent Nelson, Steve Horn, Shane Ryan and Marla Stallbaumer. Members absent Becky Pearson.

Others present were Michelle Nelson, JJ Martin, Mona Weather (Custer County Chief), Emily Barnett (Sandhills Express), Troy Walz and Amy Tharp.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 14, 2019 regular board meeting were reviewed. Spanel made a motion to approve the minutes. Lehmkuhler seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Lehmkuhler, Hardee, Cooksley, Spanel, Nelson, Horn, Ryan & Stallbaumer
Voting No: None
Absent: Pearson

Motion carried.

Financial Report

President Nelson presented the financial report in the absence of a Treasurer. Following are the account balances in the various accounts as of November 30, 2019.

Events Account:	\$4,678.63	High School Rodeo:	\$6,048.43
Livestock Account:	\$12,460.58	Capital Fund:	\$31,402.75
Memorial Funds:	\$1,085.06	General Fund:	\$57,757.60
Storm Damage:	\$156,219.73	Savings Account:	\$11,064.00

Ryan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Spanel seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Lehmkuhler, Hardee, Cooksley, Spanel, Nelson, Horn, Ryan & Stallbaumer
Voting No: None
Absent: Pearson

Motion carried.

Election of Officers

President Nelson opened the floor for nominations for President. Spanel nominated Nelson and Lehmkuhler seconded. Nelson accepted. Horn moved that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Nelson. Spanel seconded. Nelson is President.

President Nelson opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Nelson nominated Lehmkuhler and Spanel seconded. Lehmkuhler accepted. Lehmkuhler nominated Pearson, who had given him her approval although she was absent, Spanel seconded. Ballots were cast and Walz counted them. Lehmkuhler is Vice President.

President Nelson opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Horn nominated Stallbaumer and Cooksley seconded. Stallbaumer accepted. Horn moved that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Stallbaumer. Ryan seconded. Stallbaumer is Secretary.

President Nelson opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Cooksley nominated Spanel and Ryan seconded. Spanel accepted. Hardee moved that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Spanel. Ryan seconded. Spanel is Treasurer.

Extension Report

Troy Walz, Extension Agent, informed the board of the Livestock Committee meeting that was held November 25th.

- Tyler Hahn will again be the beef judge at county fair.
- There will be a breeding guilt show added to the 4-H pig show.
- Karina Jones and Marla Stallbaumer are looking to start an Elite Showmanship class and will present to the 4-H Council in January.
- Troy asked the board to speak to RJ Thomas about rooms for judges during fair. Horn will do so and Troy will make sure to let Horn know how many rooms and what days they are needed.
- 4-H Market Beef weigh-in will be Feb. 1st. Anyone who is able to help is encouraged to do so.

4-H Council Report

No report.

Workshop Date

After discussion it was determined that the workshop will be held Sunday, January 5th at 3:00 P.M. at the Shooting Sports Building.

Winter Ball

- The Winter Ball will be held January 25th.

- Michelle Nelson, Events Manager has tickets printed. She asked that board members get them from her as needed due to confusion last year. Tickets are again \$40/ticket or \$360/table that seats 10. There are 300 seats available and she has sold two tables.
- M. Nelson asked the board about a gun raffle. After much discussion on different ways to sell tickets or possibly have a hat raffle, it was decided that Ryan would visit with the new owner of the gun shop in Mason City and see if he would be willing to work with us.
- M. Nelson also asked the board for assistance in securing live auction items. She will email a list of previous donors out and the board can go from there.
- Cory Palmer may be willing to auctioneer.
- President Nelson asked about an emcee. Stallbaumer will contact Adam Smith.
- It was determined that a slideshow will be done again.
- The Chamber is going to increase the fee that they charge for using their auction software from \$250 to \$500. M. Nelson will contact Farmers National to see if they would have a program we could use or if they would be willing to help.
- Board members will be ringmen.
- M. Nelson has been in contact with Kucera regarding the meal. There was some discussion about possibly using a different cater.

Grounds Manager Report

JJ Martin presented a fuel log and service report. He is working with minimal staff during this slow time, and will likely start looking for help after the first of the year. Gutters have been cleaned and he pulled out roping boxes, worked the dirt and put them back.

Spanel noted that the return alley may need to be pulled out and scraped as the water pools there.

Events Coordinator Report

M. Nelson has been working on the Winter Ball during this slower time. Stan with the Elk's has approached her and told her that they would like to do more with the picnic area. JJ has offered them some suggestions such as enclosing the bottom of the shelter cover so that birds can not nest in it and adding electricity.

County Attorney Bowers would be willing to help put together an Employee Handbook.

M. Nelson spoke to Nancy Ferguson and another gentlemen from the USDA about possible grants. If the fairgrounds is in a flood plain they will not be eligible. Spanel will check into the exact flood plain regions.

The ground the ATM is on was deeded to Security Bank, now Flatwater Bank. M. Nelson will get more information from Eric Zimbleman with Flatwater Bank.

Other Concerns:

President Nelson spoke to Gary Thayer with NDOR. The NDOR plan is seven years out.

The 2020 Custer County Fair will be held July 24-30th.

Spanel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Cooksley seconded the motion. Roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Lehmkuhler, Hardee, Cooksley, Spanel, Nelson, Horn, Ryan & Stallbaumer

Voting No: None

Absent: Pearson

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary