

Custer County Agricultural Society

Regular Board Meeting

February 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 Becky Pearson, Shawn Lehmkuhler, Casey Cooksley, Ira Spanel, Kent Nelson, Steve Horn, Shane Ryan and Marla Stallbaumer. Members absent Deena Hardee.

Others present were Michelle Nelson, JJ Martin, Mona Weather (Custer County Chief), Emily Barnett (Sandhills Express), Dwain Bryner (Custer County Board of Supervisors), Troy Walz (Extension Educator), Gary Wright (Broken Bow Elk's), Chase Christen (4-H Council) and Kent Meyers and Jim Jones (Custer County Farm Bureau).

President Nelson asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include Gary Wright, representing the Broken Bow Elk's, inquiring about the teen dance held during fair. So moved by Lehmkuhler. Spanel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Hardee

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 9, 2020 regular board meeting were reviewed. Cooksley made a motion to approve the minutes. Spanel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Hardee

Motion carried.

Financial Report

Spanel presented the financial report. Following are the account balances in the various accounts as of January 31, 2020.

Events Account:	\$4,678.63	High School Rodeo:	\$6,005.93
Livestock Account:	\$12,460.58	Capital Fund:	\$31,017.87
Memorial Funds:	\$1,085.06	General Fund:	\$61,892.14
Storm Damage:	\$156,219.73	Savings Account:	\$11,079.88

Lehmkuhler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Ryan seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Hardee

Motion carried.

Teen Dance During Fair

Gary Wright, representing the Broken Bow Elk's Past Exalted Rulers, asked if the Ag Society would allow his organization to again host the teen dance the Wednesday night of fair. Last year they had 389 kids attend and were able to give out four scholarships.

*7:10 – Deena Hardee entered the meeting.

Horn made a motion to accept the offer of the Broken Bow Elk's Past Exalted Rulers to host a teen dance on July 29, 2020 during fair. Cooksley seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Extension Report

Troy Walz reported that there were 186 head of market beef that were weighed in, which is up six head from last year. The weight ranges were from 304-998 pounds. Nineteen DNA samples were taken.

4-H Council Report

Chase Christen reported that the 4-H Council is working on selecting plaques to be handed out at fair. New this year will be a breeding guilt class and elite showmanship. Also noted that the numbers for the 2022 CWF trip are down from what they have been in the past.

Naming Right To Barn 10

Kent Meyers expressed interest in the Custer County Farm Bureau possibly purchasing naming rights to barn 10. He wasn't sure as to what it would cost or what all signage would be used. There will be a Farm Bureau meeting coming up next week. He would like a couple member of the CCAS to attend to possibly discuss it further in more detail.

Employee Handbook

Horn presented CCAS members with a handbook that Steven Bowers has put together. Everyone is to take it home and review it. Topic tabled.

Employee Contracts

Pearson will email out the modified contracts for CCAS members to review. Topic tabled.

Grounds Manager Report

JJ Martin is working on getting prices for mud rock and gravel in preparation of the grounds thawing and road work to begin. He also got a quote for picnic tables that would match the ones in the park area. They are \$650 each with a minimum of three required.

JJ is having an issue with an individual stalling horses on the grounds and not paying. He is concerned that the horses are not being properly cared for and feels that this individual should be banned from the grounds. JJ did call the Custer County Sheriff and the situation is under investigation. The individual has done the same thing in the past and has a couple females that seem to be assisting him. The animals are brought in and removed when there is no one around. Ideas were discussed as to how to lock the stalls, and what our options are, being a public entity. It was decided that the CCAS will wait to hear back from the Sheriff as to how to proceed.

Administrator Report (previously Events Coordinator)

M. Nelson reported that the minutes need to reflect when raises granted to staff were to take effect.

Lehmkuhler made a motion that employee raises that were discussed and approved in the January 9, 2020 meeting be made effective as of January 1, 2020 and pay be made retroactive to that date. Horn seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting

Horn made a motion to raise Michelle Nelson's salary from \$31,500 to \$32,500. Spanel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Pearson, Hardee, Cooksley, Spanel, Horn, Ryan & Stallbaumer

Voting No: None

Abstained: Nelson

Absent: Lehmkuhler

Motion carried.

7:12 PM – Lehmkuhler entered the meeting.

President Nelson then moved to JJ Martin's salary. It was noted that currently JJ has a salary of \$54,927.43 plus \$747.63 for reimbursement of his cell phone. For discussion purposed, the cell phone amount will remain the same.

Horn made a motion to increase JJ Martin's salary by \$1,650.00 bringing it to \$56,577.43. Pearson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

M. Nelson also asked the board about the following fair events and who to contact:

- Celebrity cow milking – Racicky family
- Square dancing – Gary Wright
- Open horse show – Troy Walz had some names
- Pedal pull – John Deere
- Camper spots – how to sell or just put everyone where they were last year
- Park restrooms – put doors on each shower stall for privacy

M. Nelson also reported that the website is still an issue. Kyle Stringer, NSB IT, is willing to set up and run if Horn can help him get the original Go Daddy information. He would charge \$100 to set up and \$300 annually to monitor the security and make sure software upgrades are taken care of. M. Nelson feels that this would be a positive for the fairgrounds as she would be able to handle part of the site and Kyle the other. Something will need to be decided in the next six months.

M. Nelson also brought up that Colleen Peterson has asked about internet in the 4-H building. It would cost \$175 for a tower on the building and the service would then piggy back onto the CCAS service. Several members of the CCAS were not in favor of this as it would require M. Nelson to change the password quite regularly and were worried there would be times that there may be multiple events and not have enough service. They felt it may be best if the 4-H Council would get their own plan.

M. Nelson would like to see the CCAS and the Chamber work together. She mentioned the Demo Derby used to be a fundraiser that the Chamber put on annually at the fairgrounds. There was much discussion as to what a demo derby would do to Trotter Arena and whether it could be held in a different area on the fairgrounds. President Nelson expressed that there are numerous Chamber members, being businesses in Broken Bow, that support events held at the fairgrounds throughout the year. He would like to see us work with the Chamber. M. Nelson will visit with the Chamber.

Wednesday night entertainment for the 2020 fair:

Horn brought up Luke Mills. All he would need is a stage and it would cost \$4,500. Cooksley brought up the Bar J Wranglers.

Other Concerns:

None

Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. Ryan seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary