

Custer County Agricultural Society

Planning Workshop

January 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 3:14 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, Becky Pearson and Marla Stallbaumer. Members absent Shane Ryan. Others present were Michelle Nelson, Events Coordinator and JJ Martin, Grounds Manager.

Review of Current 1-3-5 Year Plan (2019)

One Year Plan

1. Upgrade Trotter Arena – Some work was done to date.
2. ADA Restroom/Shower complex in Park bathroom – In progress.
3. ADA Restrooms in Grandstand area – Tabled.
4. Crows Nest – Tabled.
5. Upgrade Electrical on West End
6. Work on Road on South Side
7. Lighting in Building #10 – Completed.
8. Camper Hookups
9. Doors on Stall Barn #20 – New rollers were put on.

Three Year Plan

1. ADA Compliance throughout fairgrounds.
2. Manure Baskets

Five Year Plan

1. Replacement of Buildings #11-13

Facility Shortfalls

President Nelson asked everyone to list items of concern that they had with the facility. Following are the concerns: road maintenance, electrical issues, restrooms by the Chuck Wagon, doors on stall barn, painting buildings, camper hook-ups, doors on grandstand, tables for Building #18, replacing barns #7 & 8, electricity in the stall barn, sound system for Trotter Arena and outlets in the crows nest.

Review Event Contracts

- Indoor Arena: Add an internet charge of \$15 & double check sales tax amount being charged.
- Building #18: Michelle is going to add a spot where renters can request their event be put on the sign. There will be no charge for this.
- Trotter Arena: No change.
- Livestock Facility: No change.
- Storage: No change.

Financially obtaining/fixing the shortfalls discussed

After much discussion the board collectively came up with the following plans.

One Year Plan

1. Roads – Maintain and improve for better drainage.
2. Camper Hook-ups & Electrical Upgrades
**2020 Winter Ball Proceeds will go towards this item. It was decided that the electrical upgrades will be determined as needed.
3. Trotter Arena Sound System
4. Doors Building #20
5. Doors on Grandstand
6. Tables for Building #18
7. Paint Stalls in Barn #22
8. Crows Nest – Determine what is adequate and feasible.
9. Manure Baskets – replace old style.
10. Picnic Tables – replace worn out tables.

Three Year Plan

1. Replace Barns #7 & 8.
2. Become ADA compliant – Grandstands and restrooms.
3. Barn #9 – upgrade to continuous fencing.

Five Year Plan

1. Replace Buildings #11-13
2. Permanent load out chute on east side of Building #19
3. Shop

Review Employee Position/Responsibilities

It was determined that President Nelson and Pearson will update employee responsibilities and have updated contracts for employees by the February meeting. Pearson and Horn will work with County Attorney Bowers on Employee Handbook.

Michelle requested that her title be changed from Events Coordinator. It was decided to give her the title of Administrator.

President Nelson asked Martin if he would prefer seasonal employees or full-time. Martin would rather have seasonal employees and will advertise in the Custer County Chief when needed.

Other Concerns

The snowstorm last week caused much havoc. Pearson suggested budgeting money next year for such situations.

Horn asked if there would be an even on the Wednesday night of fair. Nothing as of yet.

President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary

