

Custer County Agricultural Society

Regular Board Meeting

January 9, 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, Deena Hardee, Casey Cooksley, Ira Spanel, Kent Nelson, Steve Horn, Shane Ryan and Marla Stallbaumer. Members absent Lehmkuhler.

Others present were Michelle Nelson, JJ Martin, Mona Weather (Custer County Chief), Emily Barnett (Sandhills Express) & Dwain Bryner (Custer County Board of Supervisors).

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 12, 2019 regular board meeting were reviewed. Spanel made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooksley seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Lehmkuhler

Motion carried.

Minutes of the January 5, 2020 Planning Meeting were reviewed. Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooksley seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Lehmkuhler

Motion carried.

Financial Report

Spanel presented the financial report. Following are the account balances in the various accounts as of December 31, 2019.

Events Account:	\$4,678.63	High School Rodeo:	\$6,033.43
Livestock Account:	\$12,460.58	Capital Fund:	\$31,017.87
Memorial Funds:	\$1,085.06	General Fund:	\$43,486.67
Storm Damage:	\$156,219.73	Savings Account:	\$11,079.88

Horn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Spanel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Lehmkuhler

Motion carried.

Extension Report

Troy Walz was absent, and asked President Nelson to remind everyone that 4-H Market Beef weigh-in will be Feb. 1st.

4-H Council Report

No report.

Cost of Living wage increase for full-time employees

After much discussion, the board was in agreement that both full time employees, Michelle Nelson and JJ Martin, are excellent employees and appreciated.

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.

Wednesday Night Entertainment during 2020 Fair – July 29, 2020

Ideas were discussed as to bringing back a concert to draw a different crowd in or trying to find a new event that would entertain the people that would be at the fair. It was tabled.

NAFM – January 24-26, 2020

Spanel reported that John Sennett has been asked to run for the Nebraska State Fair Board. Sennett wanted to make sure that he had the support of the Custer County Ag Society.

No one from the board is going to be able to make the convention.

Pearson nominated JJ Martin to be the designated voter for the CCAS. Horn seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Grounds Manager Report

JJ Martin has been working on the stall barn replacing wood that has been kicked out and damaged. May need to get clay in the future to mix in and fill holes in the stalls.

Administrator Report (previously Events Coordinator)

M. Nelson presented the board with a list of events that will be coming up. She is currently working on the Winter Ball and would like to see more Live Auction items. M. Nelson will get a schedule put together and send it out for everyone to sign up to work.

It was decided that the Deck of Cards raffle will be used for the beef bundle donated by Nebraska Owned Beef of Purdum.

Ryan is working with the gun shop in Mason City for the gun raffles.

-It was decided that the Judge revolver, approximate cost of \$500, would be done with the hat/mug idea. Sell 10 hats/mugs that are individually numbered, could even put a couple in the live auction.

-The ladies gun will likely be a M&P 380, approximate cost of \$350, and sell as a regular raffle at \$10/ticket.

Ryan is going to look into color options for the gun.

M. Nelson also brought up the idea of having the first auction item be who gets to eat first. They winner would also get to select who goes last.

Cory Palmer will Auctioneer. Eberle will also be there to help out. Adam Smith will emcee.

M. Nelson is going to put a slideshow together.

Other Concerns:

Spanel made a motion to remove Ron Chytka from the signature card at Nebraska State Bank and add Ira Spanel's name as he was elected Treasurer at the December meeting. Cooksley seconded the motion.

After discussion, Spanel amended his motion to note that the names Kent Nelson and Connie Ulmer remain on the signature card. The signature card will have Spanel, Nelson and Ulmer all listed. Cooksley seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM. Horn 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