

**CUSTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Regular Board Meeting

June 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7: 11 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 Lehmkuhlar, Kent Nelson, Ron Chytka, Ira Spanel and Marla Stallbaumer. Members absent were – Travis Shauda, Shane Ryan, Becky Pearson and Sonya Atkins.

Others present were Michelle Nelson, JJ Martin, Mona Weatherly, Sharon Roberts and Troy Walz.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Chytka made a motion to approve. Lehmkuhlar seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Chytka, Stallbaumer, Lehmkuhlar, Spanel & Nelson. Voting No: None Absent: Shauda, Pearson, Ryan & Atkins. Motion Passed.

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer Chytka presented the financial report. Following are the account balances in the various accounts on May.

Events Acct:	\$8,899.10	High School Rodeo Acct:	\$1,541.34
Livestock Acct:	\$19,398.03	Capital Fund:	\$-12,657.40
Memorial Funds:	\$2,495.06	General Fund:	\$62,173.81
Storm Damage:	\$188,884.47	Savings Acct:	\$11,047.47

Stallbaumer made a motion to pay the bills. Spanel seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Chytka, Stallbaumer, Lehmkuhlar, Spanel & Nelson. Voting No: None Absent: Shauda, Pearson, Ryan & Atkins. Motion passed.

**Discussion of Capital “accounts/projects”:**

Treasurer Chytka brought up that there are many capital fund projects that need clarification. Chytka made a motion to talk with the accountant to clean up the general fund account by reallocating the funds that were earmarked for specific events. Spanel seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Chytka, Stallbaumer, Lehmkuhlar, Spanel & Nelson. Voting No: None Absent: Shauda, Pearson, Ryan & Atkins. Motion Passed.

**Extension Report:**

- Troy Walz passed out Premium Books.
- CWF Concession Coordinators are Brian Johnson, Amy Shauda, Theresa Wiest & Darci Shea. Clean up night is July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Michelle Nelson agreed to clerk the Livestock Auction.
- Walz asked President Nelson when he would like base bids in by during fair. In the past it has been Wednesday night. Nelson noted it would be best not to change it.

#### **4-H Council:**

No report.

#### **Hiring Extra help during fair:**

Colleen has requested to hire two individuals during fair week for a maximum of 180 hours total at minimum wage. Stallbaumer made the motion as requested. Chytka seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Chytka, Stallbaumer, Lehmkuhlar, Spanel & Nelson. Voting No: None Absent: Shauda, Pearson, Ryan & Atkins. Motion Passed.

#### **Sharon Roberts – Insurance Renewal:**

Policy has a renewal date of June 23, 2019. CCAS currently owes \$1,059 for the improvements that have been made in the last 12 months that Insurance of the Heartland has covered. Policy will renew at \$31,647 w/o Terrorism Coverage and \$32,338 w/ Terrorism Coverage. Sharon noted that to be covered by Terrorism Coverage the government must deem the act terroristic. Lehmkuhler moved to exclude the Terrorism Coverage. Spanel seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Chytka, Stallbaumer, Lehmkuhlar, Spanel & Nelson. Voting No: None Absent: Shauda, Pearson, Ryan & Atkins. Motion Passed.

Sharon noted that as soon as construction or improvements begin, she needs to be made aware of them to add to the policy.

Upon review it was noted that the following items need added to the policy: Bucking Chutes - \$22,222, Announcer Box - \$4,000, Roping Chutes and Lead Ups - \$15,000, Gator - \$6,000 both Lawnmowers need to be listed at \$10,000 each. President Nelson called for a motion to add the above mentioned items. Lehmkuhler so moved. Spanel seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Chytka, Stallbaumer, Lehmkuhlar, Spanel & Nelson. Voting No: None Absent: Shauda, Pearson, Ryan & Atkins. Motion Passed.

President Nelson then called for a motion to accept the proposed insurance proposal of \$31,647 to be paid quarterly in payments of \$7,911.75 and additional amounts added with new addition of items in previous motion. Chytka so moved. Spanel seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Chytka, Stallbaumer, Lehmkuhlar, Spanel & Nelson. Voting No: None Absent: Shauda, Pearson, Ryan & Atkins. Motion Passed.

#### **Grounds Report:**

- New pay boxes are installed.
- Repairing wooden bleachers.
- New sound system on west side is complete.
- There is a black widow in Oklahoma for \$6,500 and one in Utah for \$6,100 in case the board is interested. They are 8'.
- JJ would like to get \$2,500/yr in the budget for trees.
- Need to enforce the "No Pen" rule and hold producer accountable.

#### **Events Coordinator:**

- Michelle presented the board members with a list of past and upcoming events at the fairgrounds.
- Michelle received a Custer County Foundation Grant for the park restroom project in the amount of \$10,000. The project will begin the Monday following Fair. (Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>) The board thanked Michelle for all of her work on getting the grants.

-Security State Bank/Flatwater Bank is removing their ATM by the end of June. After discussion it was decided that if they would take the machine and leave the concrete and wiring, the board may use it in the future for a possible Fairgrounds Map or something.

-Michelle presented the Website proposal from Mitch Hunt. After much discussion, it was decided that there may be other options than what Mitch has proposed. Spanel is going to look further into the matter and report back to the board.

### **Other Concerns:**

-Sharon Roberts asked about the sound system and speakers on the west end. Her son Matt had received a grant in 2011 and donated the funds to the fairgrounds specifically for that project. She was curious where that money went. She noted that when she helps at fair, it is very difficult to get classes set when the kids can't hear what is going on in the arena.

-Michelle Nelson noted that camper spots for fair will be sold July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 AM. She also had concerns about getting campers to remain in line and not circle and how to handle that. She was also concerned that the winning bid get their camper where it needs to be when others have marked it out for fitting. President Nelson suggested running panels all the way down to separate camping/fitting areas.

-Spanel brought up the sound system at Trotter Arena was very muffled. He also mentioned that he had been approached by the McGooden family as to what projects were going on that the proceeds could be donated to. It was decided the Trotter Arena sound system was a great place to start.

-Stallbaumer voiced concern that the last two meetings there have been just enough board members present to have a quorum. She moved to go into Executive Session to discuss board member attendance. Chytka seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Chytka, Stallbaumer, Lehmkuhlar, Spanel & Nelson. Voting No: None Absent: Shauda, Pearson, Ryan & Atkins. Motion Passed.

At 8:30 PM the board went into Executive Session.

At 8:45 PM the board came out of Executive Session and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary