

Custer County Agricultural Society

Regular Board Meeting

March 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Shooting Sports Building by Vice-President Shawn Lehmkuhler. VP Lehmkuhler 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 Deena Hardee, Casey Cooksley and Shawn Lehmkuhler. Members tardy were Ira Spanel, Steve Horn and Marla Stallbaumer. Members absent were Becky Pearson, Kent Nelson and Shane Ryan.

Others present were Michelle Nelson, Mona Weather (Custer County Chief), Emily Barnett (Sandhills Express), Dwain Bryner (Custer County Board of Supervisors), Troy Walz (Extension Educator) and Kent Meyers (Custer County Farm Bureau).

Administrator Report

Michelle N. began with the Administrator Report as there was not a quorum present.

- There were five past events held at the fairgrounds
- Six upcoming events that she listed. Michelle noted that this will be the last year for the Sandhills Showdown.
- Michelle asked if the board would ever consider AFLAC for employees.
- Working on vendors for fair and junk jaunt.
- Mid-States – she would like to get a jump start so that everyone knows what their roles and responsibilities will be.
- Restroom project should be completed this month, except for the painting on the outside.

7:08 PM Stallbaumer entered the meeting.

7:10 PM Horn entered the meeting.

Extension Report

Troy Walz, Extension Educator reports that extension staff is working on getting the premium book together.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 13, 2020 regular board meeting were reviewed. Hardee made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooksley seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Hardee, Cooksley, Horn, Lehmkuhler & Stallbaumer

Voting No: None

Absent: Pearson, Spanel, Nelson & Ryan

Motion carried.

7:15 PM Spanel entered the meeting.

4-H Council Report

Walz reported that there will be a 4-H Council Meeting Monday, March 16th and they will pick out county fair awards at that time.

Financial Report

Spanel presented the financial report. Following are the account balances in the various accounts as of February 29, 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:	\$65,949.72
Storm Damage:	\$156,219.73	Savings Account:	\$11,079.88

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

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Pearson, Nelson & Ryan

Motion carried.

Naming Right To Barn 10

Steve Horn, as a Custer County Farm Bureau member, along with Kent Meyers presented a proposal regarding the naming right to the show ring as follows:

-\$1500/year for three years

-FB would be responsible for the signage and would like one on the west end and possibly one on the east end or the announcers stand.

-Barn 10 would be named the "Custer County Farm Bureau Show Ring"

Horn moved to accept the offer to approve the Custer County Farm Bureau's proposal as presented. Noting that there would be further details to be worked out regarding the type of signs and locations they would be hung. Hardee seconded.

Discussion – Weatherly asked for a specific time frame. General consensus was January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

Horn moved to amend motion to include above mentioned dates. Hardee seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Pearson, Nelson & Ryan

Motion carried.

Employee Handbook

Lehmkuhler had copies of Pearson's template as well as the one that Horn had presented previously.

Spanel made a motion to have the Grounds Manager and Administrator meet with Co. Attorney Bowers to mesh the two handbooks for the CCAS and bring to the board for approval. Horn seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Pearson, Nelson & Ryan

Motion carried.

Employee Contracts

Lehmkuhler presented the employee contracts and noted that he wants to make sure that both the Grounds Manager and Administrator have the authority they need to adequately do their jobs.

Hardee made a motion to accept JJ Martin's Grounds Manager contract. Cooksley seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Pearson, Nelson & Ryan

Motion carried.

Cooksley made a motion to accept Michelle Nelson's Administrator contract. Hardee seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Pearson, Nelson & Ryan

Motion carried.

Grounds Manager Report

Absent – No report

Wednesday night entertainment for the 2020 fair:

M. Nelson reports that Craig Safranek may be willing to put on another concert if the CCAS would contribute financially. After much discussion regarding the current COVID-19 situation it was decided to scale back as we do not know what the next couple months will bring. Horn is going to contact Luke Mills and get more information regarding his act.

Camper Spots/Electrical Update/Winter Ball 2020

-Winter Ball net income was \$21,484.14.

-M. Nelson presented the board with copies of a proposal from 2017 to give a general idea.

-M. Nelson recommended 8-10 additional pedestals be added along the creek or road, wherever they would better fit.

Horn made a motion that Lehmkuhler head up the camper spot project to get it moving forward. Spanel seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Pearson, Nelson & Ryan

Motion carried.

Other Concerns:

None

Spanel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Horn seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Pearson, Nelson & Ryan

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary