

Custer County Agricultural Society

Annual Board Meeting

November 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Custer County Chief October 31st and November 1st.

Members present were Becky Pearson, Ira Spanel, Ron Chytka, Kent Nelson, Shawn Lehmkuhler, Shane Ryan and Marla Stallbaumer. Members absent were Travis Schauda & Sonya Atkins.

Others present were Michelle Nelson, JJ Martin, Mona Weather (Custer County Chief) and 23 Custer County Residents.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 17, 2018 annual board meeting were read by Stallbaumer. Chytka made a motion to approve the minutes. Pearson seconded the motion.

Mona Weatherly questioned the word "proceed" in reference to the By-Law review changing the date of the annual meeting. Pearson noted that the By-Laws are worded "immediately following" the regular November meeting. Kevin Cooksley stated that it needs to read a specific time such as 8:00 PM.

Voting was conducted via verbal vote. Voting the motion was 33 voting Yes, 0 voting No. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer Chytka presented the financial report. Following are the account balances in the various accounts as of October 31, 2019.

Events Account:	\$4,282.13	High School Rodeo:	\$5,555.53
Livestock Account:	\$12,460.58	Capital Fund:	\$24,635.50
Memorial Funds:	\$1,085.06	General Fund:	\$54,367.32
Storm Damage:	\$156,119.73	Savings Account:	\$11,064.00

President's Report

President Nelson gave a monthly overview of the CCAS highlights:

- November: Thanked Cory Palmer for his years on the board and welcomed Shane Ryan.
- December: Voted to approve Cowboy Mounted shooting at fair.
- January: Discussed 1-3-5 year plans.

-March: Began replacing barns 3 & 4 and silent crossing study.
-April: Clean up of March flood. Voted to rent Trotter Arena to Josh Call to host BFO during fair.
-May: Reynolds resigned. Spanel was appointed to fill Reynold's spot and Stallbaumer appointed Secretary. Rotary presented a check to us to purchase a second flag. Events Coordinator Michelle Nelson received \$32,500 in grants to go towards the park restroom project.
-June: Received an additional \$10,000 in grant money for the restroom.
-July: Fair
-August: Set the dates of July 24-30, 2020 for next year's fair. Geared up for Mid-States which will be held at our facility through 2023.
-September: Met with Mark Meisinger with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig law firm. Decided to hold off on silent crossing project as it could cost \$40-50,000 of a \$320,000 project. President Nelson concluded by thanking the board, staff and volunteers for all that they do to help the Custer County Fairgrounds. He also thanked the event producers for choosing our facilities.

8:14 PM Schauda entered the meeting.

Grounds Manager Report

Grounds manager JJ Martin reports that the producers are satisfied with the facilities. A couple projects that he noted completing this summer were installing the pay boxes and fixing and painting the wooden bleachers. He also noted that the times the barrel racers are clocking are getting faster.

Events Coordinator Report

Events coordinator Michelle Nelson presented the board with her annual report. She noted that she brought in six new events in 2019 and all have confirmed that they will be back in 2020. Nelson also wanted to note that the Sponsorships pay for fair expenses.

Election of Officers

Travis Schauda, Sonya Atkins and Ron Chytka's seats were all up for election during the 2019 Annual Meeting. President Nelson asked for nominations from the floor.

Kent Nelson nominated Ron Chytka – Chytka respectfully declined.

Travis Schauda nominated Amy Tharp – Tharp accepted.

Kevin Cooksley nominated Casey Cooksley – Cooksley was absent.

Bonnie Winters nominated Deena Hardee – Hardee accepted.

Colleen Peterson nominated Steve Horn – Horn accepted.

Bonnie Winters made a motion that nominations cease. Someone from the crowd seconded.

At this time, each candidate was asked to stand and give a brief background on themselves and why they would be an asset to the fairgrounds and their plans for the future.

After the speeches, paper ballots were handed out and votes were placed. Votes were collected and tallied by Travis Schauda, Becky Pearson, Colleen Peterson and JJ Martin.

At the end of the vote counting, it was determined that Casey Cooksley, Steve Horn and Deena Hardee will be the new members of the Custer County Ag Society and their terms will run from 2019 through November 2022.

Other Concerns:

Lehmkuhler thanked Events Coordinator Michelle Nelson for all that she does for the fairgrounds. Everyone present agreed and gave her a round of applause.

Dave Haumont thanked the board for taking care of the Shooting Sports building.

It was announced that the next regular meeting of the CCAS will be December 12th at 7:00 PM. Spanel made a motion that President Nelson sign any checks until new officers are elected at the December meeting. Ryan seconded motion. Voting was conducted via verbal vote. Voting the motion was 33 voting Yes, 0 voting No. Motion carried.

Spanel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Pearson seconded the motion. Voting was conducted via verbal vote. Voting the motion was 33 voting Yes, 0 voting No. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary