

CUSTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Regular Board Meeting

October 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.

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

Others present were Michelle Nelson, Troy Walz and Emily Barnett.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the September 17, 2019 regular board meeting were reviewed. Chytka made a motion to approve the minutes. Spanel seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Ryan, Stallbaumer, Spanel, Chytka, Atkins, Pearson & Nelson.

Voting No: None

Absent: Schauda & Lehmkuhler

Minutes from the September 17, 2019 Budget Hearing were reviewed. Chytka made a motion to approve the minutes. Spanel seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Ryan, Stallbaumer, Spanel, Chytka, Atkins, Pearson & Nelson.

Voting No: None

Absent: Schauda & Lehmkuhler

Lehmkuhler entered the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Financial Report:

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

Events Acct:	\$5,628.63	High School Rodeo Acct:	\$6,289.53
Livestock Acct:	\$17,601.10	Capital Fund:	\$18,819.31
Memorial Funds:	\$1,085.06	General Fund:	\$33,746.11
Storm Damage:	\$157,292.49	Savings Acct:	\$11,064.00

Ryan made a motion to pay the bills. Spanel seconded. Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Ryan, Stallbaumer, Spanel, Lehmkuhler, Chytka, Atkins, Pearson & Nelson.

Voting No: None

Absent: Schauda

Chytka asked the board about cleaning up the Capital projects accounts that had been completed. He also noted that \$7,664.00 of the Livestock Auction account is money that the Ag Society has collected from 4-Hers selling animals through the auction. This fee was originally set up to cover the costs of putting on the fair auction. This income which equates to roughly \$1,000 per year has not been transferred out since 2012.

Lehmkuhler made a motion to take \$3,000 out of the Livestock account and apply it to the Wash Rack balance of \$-5,224.92, and the remaining \$4,664.00 to be moved into the General Fund - Fair account.

Spanel amended that motion to take \$5,224.92 of the \$7,664.00 Livestock account and zero out the Wash Rack project. Then the balance of \$2,439.08 to be placed in the General Fund – Fair account. Pearson seconded. Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Ryan, Stallbaumer, Spanel, Lehmkuhler, Chytka, Atkins, Pearson & Nelson.

Voting No: None

Absent: Schauda

Atkins asked if the Memorial Money was donated for certain projects. She feels that if no projects are specified that the money should be put towards pending projects and the families should be notified as to how their contribution benefitted the Custer County Fairgrounds.

The board discussed cleaning up the negative balances in the Capital Projects category. Pearson made a motion to apply the funds remaining from the completed projects including:

Bldg 19 Indoor Sound System	\$50.00
Bldg 19 Lights	\$2,483.51
East End Sound System	\$1,158.38
Overhead Door	<u>\$4,580.00</u>
Total	\$8,271.89

Towards completed projects with negative balances including:

Bldg 19, 22 Outdoor Speakers	\$-363.05	+ 363.05 = \$0
Camping Spots	\$-3,130.24	+ 3,130.24 = \$0
Bldg 22-Stall Barn	\$-23,943.22	<u>+ 4,778.60 = \$-19,164.62</u>
		\$8,271.89

Atkins seconded. Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Ryan, Stallbaumer, Spanel, Lehmkuhler, Chytka, Atkins, Pearson & Nelson.

Voting No: None

Absent: Schauda

Extension Report:

Troy Walz reported that record books have been turned in. Walz invited the board members to 4-H Recognition night coming up November 15th.

4-H Council:

No report.

Grounds Report:

Both Robert and George gave notice Monday, October 7th that they are quitting due to health issues and manual labor required.

Events Coordinator:

Michelle presented board members with a list of past and upcoming events.

CHAN was a success and Michelle is working to get them to host an additional event at the Custer County Fairgrounds.

Tarrin Burrows approached Michelle about renting the indoor arena for dog practice throughout the winter months. Burrows has a large "A" frame structure that she would like to leave up. It was questioned whether this structure could be moved with a skid steer. Michelle will ask Burrows.

LEAC membership dues of \$290/yr is due Nov/Dec. Spanel made a motion to renew membership in LEAC. Lehmkuhler seconded. Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Ryan, Stallbaumer, Spanel, Lehmkuhler, Chytka, Atkins, Pearson & Nelson.

Voting No: None

Absent: Schauda

NE High School Rodeo Finals:

Pearson spoke to a couple of NE High School Rodeo Finals board members. They are open to bids for hosting their event which has been in Hastings for a number of years. Pearson said that a bid would need to be put together stating what our fairgrounds and community could offer. Perhaps the county tourism and economic development committees could get involved as this event has potential to bring in quite a bit of revenue. Atkins thought Reynolds had put together a bid a number of years ago to no avail. Spanel did not feel that there were enough volunteers to produce the number of performances and events that would be required. Lehmkuhler, along with Spanel felt perhaps it could be revisited after the Mid-States contract is up.

Other Concerns:

Pearson asked if President Nelson had followed up with the state regarding the silent crossing discussion at the September meeting. Nelson has not, however is working with Mike Evans to find a time the two of them can sit down and make the call together.

The Annual Meeting of the CCAS will be held Thursday, November 14th immediately following the regular meeting at 7:00 PM.

Atkins noted that she has had people comment on the sign and how quickly it moves. Many have difficulty reading it. Michelle will slow it down.

President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary

