

CUSTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Regular Board Meeting

May 9, 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 Shane Ryan, Shawn Lehmkuhlar, Becky Pearson, Kent Nelson, Ron Chytka and Marla Stallbaumer. Members absent were Scott Reynolds, Travis Schauda and Sonya Atkins. Others present were Michelle Nelson, Kay Fred, Janet Loughran, Trish McCarron, Ira Spanel and Mona Weatherly.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the April 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Lehmkuhler made a motion to approve. Chytka seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhlar, Nelson, Chytka, Pearson and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Reynolds, Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Chytka presented the financial report. Following are the account balances in the various accounts on April 30, 2019.

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| Events Acct: | \$11,605.68 | High School Rodeo Acct: | \$1,541.34 |
| Livestock Acct: | \$19,398.03 | Capital Fund: | \$-12,730.80 |
| Memorial Funds: | \$2,495.06 | General Fund: | \$46,496.11 |
| Storm Damage: | \$198,293.73 | Savings Acct: | 11,047.47 |

Stallbaumer made a motion to pay the bills. Ryan seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhlar, Nelson, Chytka, Pearson and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Reynolds, Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried.

Appointment of New Board Member:

President Nelson appointed Ira Spanel to fill the position formerly held by Scott Reynolds. Spanel accepted. The term will end in November 2020. President Nelson also appointed Stallbaumer to fill the role as Secretary.

Rotary Donation:

Janet Loughran and Trish McCarron presented the CCAS a check from the Rotary in the amount of \$943.40. These funds are to be put towards a second flag which will hang on the new flagpole.

Extension Report:

Troy Walz was not present to give the Extension Report. Walz did let President Nelson know that the premium books should be in next week. He also asked if Michelle Nelson would clerk the Custer County Fair Auction again this year. Michelle agreed to do so and is going to contact the other individuals that have helped in the past.

4-H Council:

Stallbaumer reported that there will not be a May meeting and the Council will not meet again until July.

Kay Fred:

Kay Fred gave a brief presentation on the Cedar Fiber Bedding that she sells. It comes out of a mill at Springview. She reports that it reduces the smell of ammonia as well as flies. She would be willing to work with the CCAS if they were interested. The bags are approximately two cubic feet of bedding. If purchased by the semi load the cost would be \$4.50/bag. If she delivered it would be \$5.70 bag. Her website is Fredranch.com.

After much discussion it was decided that President Nelson will look into getting some to have on hand and let JJ see what he thinks and how they are received at the events.

Grounds Report:

JJ was not present but provided President Nelson with a written report.

Five additional payboxes will be installed on the grounds next week once the ground dries up.

The Black Widow broke down during the Sandhills Showdown. Parts were ordered and Michael McCaslin's arena drag was used to finish out the event and the following week until parts arrived. Chytka reported that the parts were roughly \$1,200. Prior to the event McCaslin had said that he would rent his tractor & drag to the CCAS for \$500/day. When the Black Widow broke down there was no other option. Chris Pearson went over and brought McCaslin's tractor and drag to the fairgrounds. He then unhooked the drag and put it on the fairground's tractor. Because the tractor was not used, there is question as to what the CCAS owes McCaslin. He is to let Michelle know. JJ noted that he would like to see the CCAS purchase a drag similar to McCaslin's, as it is smaller than the Black Widow, to have as a backup.

JJ noted that the last three major barrel races have had record times in the 14.9s.

JJ would like to see Robert get a raise. Robert started at \$15.00/hr before fair last year. After discussing the cost of living increase, Pearson made a motion to give Robert a 4% raise which equates to \$15.60/hr. Ryan seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhlar, Nelson, Chytka, Pearson, Spanel and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried.

JJ deemed the red pickup unsafe of driving around town. He would like to see the board find a replacement that is capable of handling a snowplow. It was noted that that pickup is actually not owned by the CCAS, but by Steve Horn.

Events Coordinator:

The Sandhills Showdown Grossed \$11,401.00 and it was noted that JJ's figures have not been taken out of that amount.

Michelle reported that she has received the following grants for the restroom project: \$30,000 from the Custer County Tourism, \$2,500 from FCSA and she is waiting to hear back on a possible \$10,000 grant from the Custer County Foundation. The board expressed their appreciation to Michelle for her hard work on getting all of these grants. With the Winter Ball proceeds, raffle money and these grants, there is \$58,628.50 available for the restroom project. Pat Berggren submitted a bid for \$55-58,000.00 which included plumbing. Talon Electric submitted a bid for \$4,149.81 for the electrical part which would be in addition to Berggren's bid. Stallbaumer made a motion to accept Berggren and Talon Electric's bids and move forward with the restroom project. Spanel seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhlar, Nelson, Chytka, Pearson, Spanel and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried. Michelle will contact them.

Spanel wondered if FEMA would cover any flood damage such as the fence along the creek. Michelle will look into it.

Michelle noted that the Lions Club is no longer willing to organize the fair parade. Neither the Rotary or Chamber are willing to be in charge, however are willing to help. Michelle is going to see if the Firemen or Elk's would be willing to take it on.

Michelle received another call from the State regarding the past due sales tax issue. Apparently Ulmer tried to pay electronically and it has to be done on paper. We have 60 days to pay. Ulmer is going to pay out of her account as it was her mistake and apologizes. The state is also requesting that the information be mailed to the CCAS address and not to Ulmer and is sending out a form to get the address changed. The board will receive a second letter explaining the situation.

AKSARBEN Farm Family Award

The family of John C. Wehling has applied for and AKSARBEN Farm Family Award. Current owners are Conrad G. Pelster, Aleta M. Ambler, Mary Frances Perry, Paulis Dorris and Herman Wehling. The property was acquired from 1898-1904 and consists of 896 acres in the Anselmo area. Motion made by Stallbaumer to accept the application. Seconded by Lehmkuhler. Roll

call vote: Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhlar, Nelson, Chytka, Pearson, Spanel and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried. Michelle will contact them and they will receive the award at the Winter Ball in January 2020.

Michelle brought up that Lance Bristol with the Custer County Historical Society would like to acknowledge the family as well. She will visit with him and let Bristol know that the Historical Society can also present the Wehling something at the Winter Ball if they would chose to do so.

Other Concerns

Pearson inquired about the status of the wiring being done by Yanda's.

Pearson also noted that the speaker on the East end of Barn 19 does not work.

Lehmkuhler would like to get a couple people together sometime between May 18-25th to get the panels moved around in Trotter Arena to prepare for the roping events. Pearson has a dump truck that the are willing to let the fairgrounds use when needed. It was also noted that Flynn's have sand they are willing to donate.

Kent was wondering about a temporary crow's nest. Shawn is going to talk to V-Bar about steel for a platform that could be built to house the ticket booth that we currently have.

At 8:35 PM Ryan made a motion to adjourn. Spanel seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhlar, Nelson, Chytka, Pearson, Spanel and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Marla Stallbaumer