

CUSTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Regular Board Meeting

September 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Shawn Lehmkuhler, Travis Schauda and Marla Stallbaumer. Members absent were Shane Ryan & Sonya Atkins.

Others present were Michelle Nelson, JJ Martin, Mona Weatherly, Troy Walz, Emily Barnett, Mike Evans, Lance Bristol, Rick Maas.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the August 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Lehmkuhler made a motion to approve the minutes. Pearson seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Atkins & Ryan

Financial Report:

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

Events Acct:	\$5,928.63	High School Rodeo Acct:	\$1,541.34
Livestock Acct:	\$20,909.20	Capital Fund:	\$18,090.17
Memorial Funds:	\$1,085.06	General Fund:	\$15,929.66
Storm Damage:	\$156,692.49	Savings Acct:	11,064.00

Schauda made a motion to pay the bills. Chytka seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Atkins & Ryan

Extension Report:

Troy Walz reported that the CWF kids who worked concessions during fair made \$11.20/hr which is down slightly from 2018, where they made \$11.40/hr. He also presented President Nelson with the club list of premium money totals. The total amount this year is \$8,946.00.

4-H Council:

Scott Reynolds has donated a half a beef to be raffled off November 15, 2019 at 4-H Recognition Night. Michelle is having tickets printed up and Custer County 4-H Clubs are being asked to sell them for \$10/ticket.

Tickets are to be turned in to Colleen. Broken Bow Animal Hospital is covering the processing expense. Reynolds asked that the proceeds go to the Custer County Ag Society, to be put towards something that benefits the entire fairgrounds. Michelle said that she had mentioned tables for the Shooting Sports Building to Scott.

Approval of Budget:

President Nelson noted that the budget is negative as money was received in prior budget year. These monies are being used for Capital Expenditures.

Lehmkuhler made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget as proposed. Schauda seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Atkins & Ryan

Schauda made a motion to request an audit waiver for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Seconded by Pearson. Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Atkins & Ryan

Silent Crossing

Mark Meisinger, with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig, was at the meeting to answer questions about the quiet zone. He presented an Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost which totals \$321,051.50. Approximately \$40-50,000.00 of that would be the Custer County Ag Society's expense. This amount is in addition to the \$6,200 for the diagnostic theory. He also noted that in 2025 the NDOT may reconfigure the intersection of Highway 2 and 70 to accommodate wider loads. Meisinger suggested speaking with Gary Thayer, the engineer out of North Platte who may have more insight as to what the NDOT is planning.

Schauda made a motion to hire Meisinger to work alongside the CCAS with NDOT engineers to see if we could get the quiet zone worked into the 2025 NDOT plan or at least compatible. Pearson seconded. During discussion Lehmkuhler voiced that the CCAS visit with Gary Thayer on their own without hiring Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig. Schauda withdrew his motion. President Nelson will call Mr. Thayer and invite him to a meeting as there are still many questions.

Mid States

Chytka reported that the following amounts were brought in:

Gate - \$4,446

Bar - \$8,434

Stalls - \$4,056

Calcutta - \$1,658.50

Across the board the amounts are down. Not all the bills have been submitted.

Schauda noted that all the contestants were very pleased with how the weekend was run and with the facilities. Michelle presented an e-mail from Garwoods thanking the CCAS for hosting.

Mid States will be at the Custer County Fairgrounds through 2023.

Grounds Report:

JJ & his crew are working on cleaning up from Mid States and getting ready for the upcoming events. He is somewhat concerned with CHAN and a barrel race only being one week apart. If Howards can come in and haul the sand out of the arena after he gets it piled up with the skid steer that would be helpful. If anyone can come clean stalls Oct. 7th and 8th he would appreciate it.

Events Coordinator:

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

Michelle noted that if someone is at the fairgrounds when contestants/participants arrive, we can see a significant increase in stall/hook-up amounts. Locking the camper hookups was also discussed. As well as trying to find a camping "host" who would basically live at the fairgrounds to better monitor the hookups and fairgrounds in general.

Dave Anderson is not happy with his advertising at the bull riding, however that is not a CCAS issue.

Michael Hoff approached Michelle about purchasing the old slide that is sitting unused on the fairgrounds. Spanel suggested that it be given to Hoff for all that he does with the beer gardens and to help out the CCAS. It was general consensus to do so.

Winter Ball will be January 25, 2020.

Beef raffle with Reynolds.

Other Concerns:

Spanel mentioned looking into electrical pedestals that were metered. People could come in at any hour and self-pay.

Schauda made a motion at 8:50 PM to adjourn the meeting. Spanel seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Atkins & Ryan

Respectfully Submitted

Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary

