

CUSTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Regular Board Meeting

April 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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, Nebraska State Bank and mailed to each board member.

Members present were Shane Ryan, Shawn Lehmkuhlar, Kent Nelson, Ron Chytka and Marla Stallbaumer. Members absent were Becky Pearson, Scott Reynolds, Travis Schauda and Sonya Atkins. Others present were Troy Walz, Michelle Nelson, Angie Neben, Amy Tharp and Dwain Bryner.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Lehmkuhler made a motion to approve. Ryan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhlar, Nelson, Chytka and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Pearson, Reynolds, Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

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

Events Acct:	\$5,605.68	High School Rodeo Acct:	\$1,541.34
Livestock Acct:	\$19,440.03	Capital Fund:	\$-14,247.15
Memorial Funds:	\$2,495.06	General Fund:	\$46,860.70
Storm Damage:	\$227,238.73	Savings Acct:	11,047.47

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

Extension Report:

Troy Walz was present to give the Extension Report. Walz reports that the Premium Book has been sent to the printer and be available May 15th.

President Nelson asked Troy if he thought 48 stalls in the new building that replaces $\frac{3}{4}$ would be sufficient. Originally the plan was to purchase 60 portable stalls, however due to the cost, the committee is thinking about changing it to 48. Troy thought that would be sufficient.

4-H Council:

Stallbaumer reports that the committee is working on getting awards for fair finalized and ordered.

Appointment of vacated Board Position:

President Nelson passed out copies of the resignation letter that he received from board member Scott Reynolds. Bylaws say that it is the President's duty to appoint someone to fulfill the remainder of the vacated position. This appointment would be for two years or come up for re-election in November 2020.

Kent has visited with Ira Spanel and he is possibly interested.

Amy (Woodward) Tharp was at the meeting and voiced that she would definitely be interested in being on the board.

Grounds Report:

JJ was not present.

President Nelson brought up the mower lease presenting information JJ had provided him with: \$9,579 suggested retail price but our price would be \$7,240.35. No hour min/max.

42 mo/\$189.91 36 mo/\$218.66 48 mo/\$168.41 \$1 buyout at end of lease

Decided to table until JJ is present.

It was noted that JJ did put a new track and wheels on the sliding door of building 19.

Events Coordinator:

Michelle presented an Farm Family Award application from Greg & Carol Fenske of Sargent. Lehmkuhler made a motion to accept the application. Ryan seconded. Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhler, Nelson, Chytka and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Pearson, Reynolds, Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried.

Winter Ball – At the last meeting it was decided to move the date of the Winter Ball. Michelle contacted the Cobblestone and that date is no longer available. The Winter Ball will be held January 25, 2020.

The Thumbs Up 4-H club earned \$238 on their online auction. They would like the money to go towards building $\frac{3}{4}$.

Michelle is working on grants for the restroom/shower project.

Michelle is partnering with the Chamber and CCED host a food truck that will pull in those traveling home from Sturgis on August 10th.

Michelle received a call from the Nebraska Dept. of Revenue stating that we had failed to file Lodging and Sales Tax. She said that Connie Ulmer said not to worry about it. Michelle reported that the caller said that board members would be getting letters regarding the situation.

Grounds Report:

JJ entered the meeting at 7:25 PM.

JJ voiced his opinion that a second mower would be beneficial to the fairgrounds. Chytka made a motion to enter into a 36 month lease with a monthly payment of \$218.66. Ryan seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhlar, Nelson, Chytka and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Pearson, Reynolds, Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried.

A 4-H Club is coming in to clean up the wash rack area.

The fence was washed out and needs replaced across the creek.

Events Coordinator:

Bud Eberle's contract for Bull Riding has not been signed. If we charge Bud the \$450 rent, which is on the contract, he will charge us \$450 every time we use his crows nest.

After much discussion it was general consensus that the contracts are voted on by the board and need to be upheld. The fairgrounds has other platforms that could be used for events rather than Bud's crows nest.

It was also brought up that a Producer was told by a board member that they didn't have to pay the full amount due. The consensus of the board was that a single board member does not have the authority to negotiate or change the contract without board approval. The contracts are written to cover our costs. If the producer does not have a good turnout they are still required to pay the full amount of the contract.

Josh Call would like to take over the Tuesday night entertainment. He is thinking about BFO &/or a band. He is wondering about splitting the costs with the Ag Society. The amount of money the CCAS would be anticipated to put out would be \$45,000. Lehmkuhler made a motion to allow Josh Call to provide the Tuesday night entertainment on his own, without partnering with the CCAS. Call needs to let Michelle know by May 1st if he is willing to do so. Chytka seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhlar, Nelson, Chytka and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Pearson, Reynolds, Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried.

Other Concerns

Stallbaumer presented bids to the board members for portable panels to fill the new building that will house sheep/goats during fair. It has been decided to order 48 rather than 60 pens due to the costs. They will be portable panels that can be easily put up and taken down.

The most reasonable bid is through V-Bar:

88 Panels: Not painted - \$84 Painted - \$104

48 Gates: Not painted - \$110 Painted - \$130

Total estimate - \$15,392

After discussion it was decided to proceed with painted panels and gates. Stallbaumer will get ordered.

JJ asked what the new building is going to be called. President Nelson suggested that the building be put out for bid for a set number of years. Michelle is looking into how to go about doing so.

Michelle also noted that the Lions Club is not doing the Fair Parade, but the Rotary is looking at taking it over.

8:37 PM – Chytka made a motion to adjourn. Stallbaumer seconded. Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Ryan, Lehmkuhlar, Nelson, Chytka and Stallbaumer. Voting No: None. Absent: Pearson, Reynolds, Schauda and Atkins. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Marla Stallbaumer