

Custer County Agricultural Society

Regular Board Meeting

January 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President 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 Casey Cooksley, Kent Nelson, Blair Hartman, Ira Spanel, Rodney Lamb, Becky Pearson & Marla Stallbaumer. Absent was Steve Horn & Shane Ryan.

Others present were Administrator Michelle Nelson, Grounds Manager JJ Martin, Mona Weatherly (Custer County Chief) and Troy Walz (UNL Extension Educator).

Blair Hartman made a motion to amend the agenda to add Eric Smith with BNSF to discuss the drainage situation. Spanel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Spanel, Cooksley, Nelson, Lamb, Pearson, Stallbaumer & Hartman

Voting No: None

Absent: Ryan & Horn

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 12, 2020 regular board meeting were reviewed. Spanel made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Cooksley.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Spanel, Cooksley, Nelson, Lamb, Pearson, Stallbaumer & Hartman

Voting No: None

Absent: Ryan & Horn

Motion carried.

Minutes of the January 10, 2021 planning workshop were reviewed. Spanel made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Hartman.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Spanel, Cooksley, Nelson, Lamb, Pearson, Stallbaumer & Hartman

Voting No: None

Absent: Ryan & Horn

Motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer Spanel presented the financial report. Following are the account balances in the various accounts as of December 31, 2020.

Events Account:	\$7,344.05	High School Rodeo:	\$5,975.93
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Livestock Account:	\$11,926.37	Capital Fund:	\$-30,453.20
Memorial Funds:	\$5,550.06	General Fund:	\$122,246.97
Storm Damage:	\$134,808.11	Savings Account:	\$11,095.02

Lamb made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Cooksley.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Spanel, Cooksley, Nelson, Lamb, Pearson, Stallbaumer & Hartman

Voting No: None

Absent: Ryan & Horn

Motion carried.

Extension Report

Troy Walz, Ext. Educator was present and reported the following:

-Ribbons have been ordered for fair.

-FFA will have a separate premium book.

-4-H Council will meet January 25th via zoom. Will be discussing online entries.

-Market Beef Weigh-Ins will be February 6th. If the LBHD should move into the red category weigh-ins will not be allowed to happen.

4-H Council

No report.

Carcass Contest Money Distribution

Lamb gave the board a brief overview of the Carcass Contest. There are funds raised to entice kids to enter the contest. These funds are then awarded back at various categories. Last year the Carcass Contest committee handled the funds, however Lamb wondered if the board would allow the funds to run through the CCAS Livestock Account to allow for more transparency.

Spanel made a motion to allow the Carcass Contest premiums to run through the Livestock Auction Account. Cooksley seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Spanel, Cooksley, Nelson, Lamb, Pearson, Stallbaumer & Hartman

Voting No: None

Absent: Ryan & Horn

Motion carried.

Grounds Manager Report

Martin reports that the roping boxes have been taken out, the area has been cleaned out and the boxes put back. He also presented the board with a servicing record of the tractors, mowers and skid steer.

It appears that the CCAS is going to have to pay the trucking to get it gone. Pearson expressed interest but lives 11 miles out. Pearson may be willing to take it if CCAS pays half the trucking.

Tabled discussion.

BNSF – Eric Smith

There was discussion as to the number of culverts on the south side of the fairgrounds and the way they lay. Cooksley wondered about taking out the fence and getting rid of the berm. Smith thinks there is a culvert there, which is creating the berm. President Nelson asked who owned the fence. Smith thought that the railroad did. Smith has an excavator that he can use to possibly create more of a ditch. He would like to have a map of the fairgrounds to make sure that he doesn't hit any underground lines.

Grounds Manager Report - Continued

Pearson will take the manure pile if the CCAS would split the trucking and have it done within a month. Spanel called Shane Eberle, (K&R) and Eberle will be out at the fairground January 15th to quote the job.

Hartman asked Martin about the plans for the steps to the crows nest at Trotter Arena. Martin suggested using the steel that is on hand from a previous project that never happened. President Nelson will get together with Martin and they will get plans to Hartman. Ansley FFA will construct, however will not be able to transport them.

Administrator Report

-M. Nelson presented each board member a handout which lists all of events that she has submitted plans for and been approved by the LBHD.

-M. Nelson has been asked by Ethan, with Dana F. Cole if the events account needs to remain open.

-CEDC has grants available to help with demolition projects if you can prove that the materials are recyclable. These do not open until September, but would be beneficial to getting buildings 11-13 down.

-Winter Ball – 275 People

-Meal \$29

-Programs to printer Jan 14th

-The funds raised at this 2021 winter ball are going to update the appearance and function of the fairgrounds for event efficiency.

-There is a lady from Gothenburg who has an auction software that will come and help at the auction.

Employee Raises

At 8:10 PM Spanel moved to go into Executive Session to discuss employee raises. Lamb seconded.

At 8:19 PM Pearson moved to come out of Executive Session and Hartman seconded.

Pearson moved to give 2.5% raises to be effective next payroll period to both salaried employees – JJ Martin and Michelle Nelson. Seconded by Lamb.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Spanel, Cooksley, Lamb, Pearson, Stallbaumer & Hartman

Voting No: None

Abstained: Nelson

Absent: Ryan & Horn

Motion carried.

Plan for Hiring Employees

After much discussion, Martin will go as long as he can without hiring anyone.

Other Concerns

Be thinking about AFLAC and whether or not to move forward with it.

At 8:36 PM Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Spanel.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Spanel, Cooksley, Nelson, Lamb, Pearson, Stallbaumer & Hartman

Voting No: None

Absent: Ryan & Horn

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary