

## Custer County Agricultural Society

### Regular Board Meeting

May 17, 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, on the CCAS Website, the CCAS Facebook Page and mailed to each board member.

Members present were Blair Hartman, Casey Cooksley, Steve Horn, Kent Nelson, Becky Pearson, & Marla Stallbaumer. Absent were Shane Ryan, Rodney Lamb & Ira Spanel

Others present were Administrator Michelle Nelson, Grounds Manager JJ Martin, Emily Barnett (Sandhills Express), Mona Weatherly (Custer County Chief), Sherriff Osmond, Deb Haumont and Troy Walz (UNL Extension).

#### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 8, 2021 regular board meeting were reviewed. Horn made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Cooksley.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Hartman, Cooksley, Horn, Nelson, Pearson & Stallbaumer

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Lamb, Spanel & Ryan

Motion carried.

#### Financial Report – Presented by Pearson

VP Pearson presented the financial report. Following are the account balances in the various accounts as of April 30, 2021.

Events Account: \$7,344.05

Livestock Account: \$11,926.37

Memorial Funds: \$7,195.03

Storm Damage: \$134,808.11

Capital Fund: \$-30,350.60

General Fund: \$157,228.27

Savings Account: \$11,095.02

Horn made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills seconded by Hartman.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Hartman, Cooksley, Horn, Nelson, Pearson & Stallbaumer

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Lamb, Spanel & Ryan

Motion carried.

#### Extension Report – Troy Walz

Walz handed out Premium Books to the Board members. He also reported that Colleen is working on getting the website set up through Showworks for the 4-H to enter through.

#### **4-H Council – Stallbaumer**

No May meeting – Next meeting will be in July.

#### **Grounds Manager Report – JJ Martin**

- Restrooms are all on.
- The Elks Club will be on the grounds 5/18/21 to put electricity in the picnic shelter.
- Concerned about the road north of barns 1-9 as well as from the Y west. Feels that there needs to be crushed concrete or a material that will create a solid base.
- Also need gravel around building 6 & 9 before fair.
- Admin. Nelson reported that Myers Construction did send a check to the CCAS for \$3,002.00 which she just received. This is 40% of the manure pile expense.

Horn made a motion to put up to, and not exceed, \$3,000 towards crushed concrete and gravel to maintain the roads. Cooksley Seconded.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Hartman, Cooksley, Horn, Nelson, Pearson & Stallbaumer

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Lamb, Spanel & Ryan

Motion carried.

#### **Administrator Report - M. Nelson**

- Has applied for an Aksarben Grant which are awarded next fall.
- Has received \$13,000 from the Custer County Tourism Group for three different grants.
- Deb McCaslin is working on getting matching grants for flags for both the CCAS and the Library. The Rotary, city and CCAS would each pay \$450.00.
- Not sure how to handle camper spots. After discussion it was determined that Admin. Nelson will use Google Docs.

#### **Old Business – President Nelson**

-New American Flag – As Admin. Nelson explained it would cost the CCAS \$450 to get two new flags for the fairgrounds. The flags are a heavier material and double stitched. It was determined the current flags were new in 2018.

Harman moved that the CCAS put \$450 towards two new flags to match funds with the city and Rotary. Cooksley seconded.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Hartman, Cooksley, Horn, Nelson, Pearson & Stallbaumer

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Lamb, Spanel & Ryan

Motion carried.

-Possible Beer Garden for Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> Event – Admin. Nelson said that Josh Call has proposed a 60/40 split (60 Call/40 CCAS then Call would give 5% of his back to 4-H) and the CCAS would have to provide people to work the beer garden.

-Stallbaumer asked if Call was wanting alcohol available throughout the grandstands or a designated area.

-Admin. Nelson said a designated area. She also noted that more security would be required.

-Pres. Nelson said that there no outside cups would be able to be allowed in.

-Cooksley questioned how this would affect the food vendors.

-Pres. Nelson voiced that he felt the 60/40 was backwards.

-Deb Haumont opposed the idea and spoke up regarding the crowd that was against beer gardens years ago. She said that the shooting sports building was full of people opposed and felt that had more people known about the meeting, they would be there.

-After more discussion Pres. Nelson felt that the board had gotten off course talking about how alcohol would be controlled rather than the issue of allowing a beer garden or not.

-Pearson noted not allowing outside food or drink would possibly benefit the vendors and CWF.

-Sherriff Osmond encouraged the board to think about the image that they are promoting.

-Stallbaumer voiced that she did not think the board would have the manpower to operate the beer garden during fair.

-Hartman thought the split was backwards and agreed there would not be enough help.

-Pres. Nelson tabled the discussion.

-Manure pile bill total was \$7,505.00

-The bill has been paid and Myers did send a check back to the CCAS for \$3,002.00.

### **New Business**

-Memorial bench for Terry Connelly - the family would like the bench by the flagpole facing towards Trotter arena and would like it placed on concrete. After discussion it was determined that the Connelly memorial should pay for the concrete.

-Hiring of two employees for the Extension Office

Horn made a motion to hire 2 employees at minimum wage to work during fair, a maximum of 90 hours each, to assist the Extension Office during fair. Cooksley seconded.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Hartman, Cooksley, Horn, Nelson, Pearson & Stallbaumer

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Lamb, Spanel & Ryan

Motion carried.

### **Other Concerns**

-Hartman asked GM Martin if he had one or two full time girls. He has two.

-Stallbaumer voiced concern about the desktop computer that Admin. Nelson has in the office. It is extremely slow and dated.

-Hartman suggested an external drive or uploading to Google Docs.

-Pres. Nelson noted that the desktop is needed to run the sign.

-Admin. Nelson noted that the desktop is one that she personally brought in when they updated their own computer. It may be 10 years old.

-Cooksley suggested Admin. Nelson research prices.

At 7:52 PM Horn made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Hartman.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Hartman, Cooksley, Horn, Nelson, Pearson & Stallbaumer

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Lamb, Spanel & Ryan

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary