



CUSTER COUNTY AG SOCIETY PLANNING WORKSHOP

Sunday, October 1, 2023

3:00 p.m. – Shooting Sports Building

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 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, on the CCAS Website, the CCAS Facebook page and emailed to each board member. Members presents were Casey Cooksley, Kent Nelson, Charmayne Popp, Marla Stallbaumer, Ashley Garrelts, Shane Ryan and Blair Hartman. Member absent: Rodney Lamb and Steve Horn. Others present were Admin. Michelle Nelson and Dwaine Bryner

- Evaluate current shortfalls

The board discussed shortfalls and listed the following:

Employees/Staffing

Complicated Facilities related to the indoor arena set up

Stalls

P&L on events

Buildings

Camper Pedestals

- Financially obtaining/fixing shortfalls discussed

The board discussed setting the indoor arena to accommodate all of the events that are held in the arena and then leaving the arena as set.

Board would like to discuss the set up with patrons. The goal is for the arena to be set and contracts that reflect it by the first of the year.

There was discussion regarding the cables and how to set Trotter Arena for ease of event use.

The board discussed the need to rebuild beef barns and remove the buildings on the hill to change the look of the grounds by the entrance.

There is storm damage money that can assist with this but it will not cover the entirety of the build.

The board will need to collect bids for the building.

The board also discussed the need for an event center on the hill.

- Review/Discuss/Re-evaluate 1-2-5 year goal

1 Year Goals:

Completed by January 2024: Indoor arena set permanently and reflected in contracts.

Completed by January 2024: Purchase a minimum of two quick attach for the tractors

Completed by March 2024: Purchase 2 Manure Baskets

Completed by Fair 2024: Replace barn 7&8

Completed by December 2024: Host a Heartland Division Tractor Pull

2 Year: Camper Pedestals

5 Year: Event Center

- Review and discuss 2024 Contracts

The board reviewed the existing contracts.

Added to the Indoor arena contract: \$50/hr for up to 6 hours (does not include any tractor use, set up or labor)

Board discussed adjusting rental rates on both arenas.

Admin Nelson will update contracts for board review.

- Winter Ball

Cobblestone is books for 1/27/24. Deposit has been paid and contract has been returned.

Contacted catering—waiting to hear back.

Considered changing some of the games.

The board agreed to dedicate the funds raised by Winter Ball 2024 to replacing Barns 7&8.

- Other Concerns

Admin Nelson suggested putting in more detail related to tasks expected of the employees or the creation of scope of work paperwork for onboarding.

- Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:39.

Blair Hartman
Secretary