



MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm at the Shooting Sports Building on the west end of the Fairgrounds by President Casey Cooksley. The meeting notification and agenda were posted in advance at the Custer County Courthouse, the CCAS Website, multiple media outlets, and emailed to each board member.

Members present were: Casey Cooksley, Blair (Hartman) Ryan, Charmayne Popp, Bonnie Winters, Marla Stallbaumer, Steve Horn and Rodney Lamb.

Members absent: Shane Ryan

Others present were: CCAS Grounds Manager—Ben McCaslin, CCAS Administrative Assistant—Hannah Pearson, Custer County Chief—Mona Weatherly, KCNI—Jeremy Shipe, KBEAR—Andrew Lacy, UNL Extension—Troy Walz, Mark and Kelly Cardoza, Desirei Cook, and Dwain Bryner.

AGENDA:

7:00 p.m. NE Open Meetings Act Minutes

- **Approve Minutes of March 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting**
Minutes of the March 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed.
Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Winters
Roll call vote:
Voting yes: B. Ryan, Winters, Popp, Stallbaumer, Cooksley
Voting no:
Abstaining: Horn,
Absent: S. Ryan, Lamb,

Financial Report

- **Approve to pay monthly bills**
Following are the account balances as of March 31, 2024
Livestock Account: \$7,044.02 Memorial Funds: \$5,608.03
Total General Account: \$19,127.17 Savings Account: \$18,548.15
Hartman made a motion to pay this months bills, seconded by Horn
Roll call vote:
Voting yes: Horn, B. Ryan, Winters, Popp, Stallbaumer, Cooksley
Voting no:
Abstaining:
Absent: S. Ryan, Lamb

Committee Reports

- **Extension Office**—presented by Troy Walz: Provided update on Market Beef Weigh in from February 3rd. Jack Smith set up a space for a second area to back into and made the day run very smooth. Weighed in 224 head this year which is up from 215 head last year. Judges for the livestock shows are hired. Colleen is working on hiring judges for the static exhibits. Cooksley took a call on 4/10/24 regarding the woodchips from last year and asked Walz about his thoughts on the Ag Society

purchasing woodchips in bulk for this year. Walz had no feedback from the 4-H members and families.

- **4-H Council**—Premium Book has been proofed and taken to the printer.
- **Grounds Manager**—Presented by Ben McCaslin. It has been a slow month event wise, but finished up a few projects. Leveled all of the stalls in the indoor stall barn and finished the women’s bathroom in building 21. Dave Davis Auction seemed to be a success. We need to get a new flag—Cooksley mentioned that the Rotary has donated a flag in the past. McCaslin will look into places to get flags. It was suggested to start considering 2025 contracts as producers are wanting to sign for next year. Cooksley also encouraged McCaslin to work on finding summer help.
- **Fair Entertainment**
The committee has booked Cooper James to play following the Bull Riding event on Monday 7/29 and following the Bull Fight event on Tuesday 7/30. Tazy Scott will play Wednesday 8/1 in the beer garden while other activities are offered near the area such as Axe Throwing and potentially a Corn Hole Tournament that local patrons have inquired about.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business for the board’s consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

Disc/dec - Appointment of new board member:

Desirei Cook shared with the board her interest.

Mark Cardoza shared interest in membership with the board.

Hartman moved to enter executive session at 7:22pm Seconded by Stallbaumer

Roll call vote:

Voting yes: Horn, B. Ryan, Winters, Popp, Stallbaumer, Cooksley

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent: S. Ryan, Lamb,

Lamb entered executive session at 7:25 pm

Hartman moved to exit executive session at 7:31 pm. Seconded by Stallbaumer.

Roll call vote:

Voting yes: Lamb, Horn, B. Ryan, Winters, Popp, Stallbaumer, Cooksley

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent: S. Ryan,

President Cooksley appointed Desirei Cook to complete the vacant term. Noted that Desirei will be interim until the Annual Meeting in November where she will be considered in the vote for finishing out the two year term of the position.

Mark was encouraged to return in November for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

Disc/dec – Hiring of 2 individuals to help Colleen during fair – 90 hours max each, minimum wage
Stallbaumer made a motion to hire 2 individuals to help Colleen during fair—90 hours max, minimum wage. Seconded by Horn.

Roll call vote:

Voting yes: Lamb, Horn, B. Ryan, Winters, Popp, Cook, Stallbaumer, Cooksley

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent: S. Ryan,

Disc/dec – Camper Pedestals

B.Ryan created a survey that was sent to all 4-H families by Colleen. There were 50 respondents. The survey asked for the minimum amperage that was required to operate their camper. 27

respondents had 30 amp requirements and 23 had 50 amp requirements. After looking at the current camper pedestals in the various camp grounds there are 26 30amp plugins and 39 50amp plugins listed—there might be additional on the pole by where Barn 1 used to stand. McCaslin also mentioned that there are at least 4 plug ins, that would meet minimum camper requirements, where the old ATM used to stand. Last year, including the campers hooked to the generator there were 71 campers. Of the existing 69 pedestals that are either 30 or 50 amp, there were 9 unused pedestals. Last year the generator had 10 campers plugged into it.

Cooksley and McCaslin mentioned that Talon Scott looked at the 30 amp plugs that are 110 plugs, to see about updating those; to 210 plugs that are 30 amp. We are waiting to hear back for a cost from Talon. The board agrees that we will wait for Talon to report a cost of upgrading the 20 amp in campsite D. Members also agree that we will not be renting the generator. It was suggested that we have a form to know how many will be camping and their camper requirements. The board will announce a sign up date via email before May.

Disc/dec – Tractor Pull

Grounds Manager McCaslin has worked with Outlaw Pullers with the Heartland Series to schedule dates. The two dates that they are available are Sunday August 11th and Sunday August 25th. The cost to put on the event is \$15,000—this includes prize money and sled. We would be responsible for finding someone to build the track, but McCaslin has already discussed this with Fiorelli's. They would also need us to have 3 volunteers to help run the event. McCaslin did mention that the June and September calendar for Outlaw Pullers is wide open, and our June calendar is pretty empty. B. Ryan expressed concern about June and McCaslin agreed due to youth sports and small-town celebrations. B. Ryan applied for a grant to try to help off set the cost of this event.

Winters moved that the board plan a tractor pull with Outlaw Tractor Pullers on Sunday August 11th. Seconded by Horn.

Roll call vote:

Voting yes: Lamb, Horn, B. Ryan, Cook, Winters, Popp, Stallbaumer, Cooksley

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent: S. Ryan,

Disc/dec – Food Trucks on the Grounds during the week

McCaslin has had inquiries about having food trucks come use the fairgrounds as a place to park. The board feels there needs to be a vendor fee for them to be here. The board is in agreement that they should not be allowed to be parked during fair in order to continue to support the CWF kids. Other times of the year the board agrees that it is fine. There was board discussion of vendor fees—it was suggested to have a daily.

Hartman made a motion to set a vendor fee for food trucks, of \$35/day on the fairgrounds, excluding the week of fair. Seconded by Horn.

McCaslin asked if this also applied to other events. At this time, the board agrees, that this fee will be across all events.

Roll call vote:

Voting yes: Lamb, Horn, B. Ryan, Cook, Winters, Popp, Stallbaumer, Cooksley

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent: S. Ryan,

Disc/dec – Update Mid-States Contract

B. Ryan expressed that we need to update the contract to include gate passes and provided an update that Jill has not contacted Casey or Shane regarding the concern of the current invoice. It was not noted in the contract to pay the gate passes but it also was not noted that they could give their sponsors free gate admission. Admin Assistant Pearson will send an invoice for the stalls and campsites that MSR-A still owes and ask if they will split the cost of the gate passes with the board this year.

Cooksley suggested that MSR-A representatives come to a meeting before the event.

Cooksley appointed the following as the Mid-States Rodeo Committee: Shane Ryan, Blair Ryan, and Bonnie Winters. Board members will work with Hannah and Ben to get the contract updated and move forward—it is encouraged that Jason and/or Jill come to the next board meeting.

OTHER CONCERNS

Cooksley mentioned that Carolyn Jones would like a memorial for her father, Dr. Lance Jones, on the fairgrounds. The auction block needs updating, new counter, stools, and paint and Cooksley suggested that could be a great tribute as he was very involved in the Herford Sale when it came to the fairgrounds. Carolyn Jones would like to donate \$500 and Winters donated \$100 when he passed, so that this project can be started. Winters suggested a banner to hang on the auction block in his memory. Grounds Manager McCaslin will begin work on the project.

ADJOURNMENT: Horn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Seconded by Stallbaumer.

Roll call vote:

Voting yes: Lamb, Horn, B. Ryan, Cook, Winters, Popp, Stallbaumer, Cooksley

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent: S. Ryan,

Blair Ryan
Secretary