



MEETING NOTICE

August 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Shooting Sports Building by President Kent Nelson. 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: Ashely Garrelts, Rodney Lamb, Casey Cooksley, Blair Hartman, Kent Nelson, Marla Stallbaumer,

Members absent: Charmayne Popp, Steve Horn Shane Ryan,

Others present were: Admin Michelle Nelson, Custer County Chief—Mona Weatherly, KCNI—Grant Winterer, UNL Extension—Troy Walz, Dana F Cole—Anita Sisemore, Dick Taylor, Rex Taylor

AGENDA:

7:00 p.m. NE Open Meetings Act

Cooksley moved to amend the agenda and add the Methodist Men to the agenda. Seconded by Stallbaumer.

Minutes

- **Approve Minutes of July 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**
Minutes of the July 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed.
Cooksley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Hartman.
Roll call vote:
Voting yes: Stallbaumer, Garrelts, Hartman, Cooksley, Nelson
Voting no:
Abstaining:
Absent:
Motion carried.

Financial Report

- **Approve to pay monthly bills**
Following are the account balances of June 30, 2023
Livestock Account: \$63,972.21 Total Capital Fund: \$-\$27,769.33
Memorial Funds: \$5,708.03 Total General Fund: \$151,351.63
Storm Damage: \$139,386.22 Savings Account: \$18,506.40
Pres. Nelson commented that the Livestock Auction account appears inflated, but that is income from the carcass contest and auction and are needing to write checks back out.
Cooksley made a motion to pay the monthly bills Seconded by Stallbaumer.
Voting yes: Stallbaumer, Garrelts, Hartman, Cooksley, Nelson
Voting no:
Abstaining:
Absent:
Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **Extension Office**—Presented by Troy Walz

Presented two comments received from patrons from the fair. Conversation was had regarding beef tie outs. Horse committee met on 8/9 and plans to send more surveys on dates. People were impressed with the fans in the indoor arena. \$449,000 per the spreadsheet that Troy received from Michelle.

- **4-H Council**—Presented by Marla Stallbaumer

Next meeting is September 18th at 7:30

- **Administrator**

Admin Nelson will email the written report to the board. Admin Nelson shared that she has heard that a cutting hosted by JB Atkins that was cancelled from our facility in July has been rescheduled down in McCook. Nelson mentioned that she went to the Tourism meeting for the same reason of word of losing events—the Tourism Committee was very supportive of the Board. Admin Nelson is working on sponsorship for Mid States Rodeo. The board discussed ideas regarding Mid States. Admin Nelson talked with the Tractor Pull producers and they are willing to help with track prep. Admin Nelson suggested potentially waiting until next year to have it right before fair. She is having a hard time asking for as much sponsorship as what will be needed for all of the events.

The board discussed options for other events that could take the place instead of a concert. Custer County Foundation sent a check from the donations for the Give for Custer County campaign \$8985.22.

NEW BUSINESS:

Disc/dec—Methodist Men

Provided the board with a finalized renovation bill. Talon Scott put a new panel in the building to accommodate the air conditioning and the added load of the equipment. Taylor's Heating and Air donated all of the equipment and materials for the air conditioning and billed for the labor. They used the counter tops and tables that were in the building. Everything on the bill is permanent structures/equipment that will stay in the building. The total project cost \$9125.57. The Ag Society will pay the invoices that have been provided.

Dick Taylor presented to the board that they would like to offer to the board to sponsor a \$500 scholarship for the board to present in order for the Methodist Men to retain some say over the use of the building and their equipment that is in it. They would also like to make a contribution to the grounds for electricity.

Pres. Nelson commented on the scholarship that we may think about running it through the Custer County Foundation.

They are also looking at other times they can utilize the building to serve out of.

Dick Taylor suggested that the old building could potentially become an “information center.”

Lamb entered the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Stallbaumer moved to allocate \$4125.57 to the Grange Building Renovation to account for higher spending than anticipated. Seconded by Garrelts.

Voting yes: Stallbaumer, Garrelts, Hartman, Cooksley, Lamb, Nelson

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Disc/dec - 2023 Fair Recap

President Nelson made the recommendation for next year that there be no generator for campers. Many board members agreed. It was suggested to redesign the way we sell camper spots and to have different pricing based on the location of the pedestal. The board agrees that it should be run through the website. There was discussion regarding the cost of the camper spots.

Cooksley said that he had a number of complaints about dogs at the fair, especially unleashed dogs.

Garrelts mentioned that the fairs she has worked at previously the fair put in a no pet policy/no unentered animal policy. It was discussed to put it in the Fair Book as well as signage during the

fair. It was suggested to use the language “no dogs in the livestock barn/show area—must be leashed while on the rest of the premise.”

Where the handicap parking is south of the ticket booth—the rock is very challenging for wheelchairs to navigate.

Disc/dec – Budget 23-24

Looking at the expenses we were under budget by approximately \$15,000. Anita Sisemore from Dana F Cole is wanting to put together a rough draft of the budget to get to the board before the budget hearing.

Last year’s Capital improvements were budgeted for \$125000 (only spent \$19000).

The board agrees that budgeting for capital improvements is important for the next year.

Conversation from the board covered the need for building new cattle barns and taking down the old buildings previously discussed. Admin Nelson is reapplying for the recycling grant that was previously denied.

Anita Sisemore will draft a budget that will be similar but will cover the expenses that were deficit last year and present it before the September budget hearing.

Disc/dec – 2024 Fair dates

Stallbaumer moved to set Custer County Fair be July 26th-August 1st, 2024. Seconded by Cooksley.

Roll call vote:

Voting yes: Stallbaumer, Garrelts, Hartman, Cooksley, Lamb, Nelson

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent:

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Disc/dec – Final Insurance building values and premium

Admin Nelson needs to contact Kori with Jones regarding adding the Buddy Trailer that was purchased. Kori sent a payment schedule breakdown to the board. The premium was financed through ISFP in order to allow for the payment plan. The total building value is \$79,463.34. Inland Marine costs were \$25,000.

Disc/dec –

OTHER CONCERNS

Cooksley would like to see the Buddy Trailer parked inside.

Lamb is asking that a spreadsheet be created to track event by event income and expense.

ADJOURNMENT: Roll Call

Lamb moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm. Seconded by Cooksley.

Roll call vote:

Voting yes: Stallbaumer, Garrelts, Hartman, Cooksley, Lamb, Nelson

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Blair Hartman

Secretary