



MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 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 Rodney Lamb, Kent Nelson, Ashley Garrelts, Shane Ryan, Casey Cooksley, Marla Stallbaumer, Steve Horn, and Blair Hartman.

Members absent: Charmayne Popp,

Others present were Admin. Michelle Nelson, KCNI—Grant Winterer, Custer County Chief—Mona Weatherly, Troy Walz—UNL Extension, Dwain Bryner, Jennifer Horn, Brad Parr, Jake Rosentreader, Mid States Rodeo Association representatives: Jason Schnoor, Andy Knott, Emily Finny,

AGENDA:

7:00 p.m. NE Open Meetings Act-President Nelson informed those present of the location and availability of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act publication.

Minutes

- **Approve Minutes of January 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**
Minutes of the January 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed
Horn made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ryan.
Roll call vote:
Voting Yes: Ryan, Garrelts, Hartman, Lamb, Horn and Nelson
Voting No:
Abstaining: Stallbaumer, Cooksley,
Absent: Popp,
Motion carried

Financial Report

- **Approve to pay monthly bills**
Following are the account balance as of January 31, 2023
Events Account: \$392.29
Livestock Account: \$7,365.30
Memorial Funds: \$5,708.03
Storm Damage: \$223,710.12
Capital Fund: \$-\$29,370.60
General Fund: \$149,593.92
Savings Account: \$18,470.22
Cooksley moved to pay the monthly bills. Seconded by Stallbaumer.
Roll call vote:
Voting Yes: Ryan, Garrelts, Hartman, Lamb, Cooksley, Stallbuamer, Horn and Nelson
Voting No:
Abstaining:
Absent: Popp,

Motion carried

Committee Reports

- **Extension Office**

Presented by Troy Walz. Market Beef weigh in was Saturday February 4th at Broken Bow Animal Health. This year weighed in 215 head that ranged from 495-1150lbs. This is an increase in numbers. The ad sales for the premium book are going on and the office is working on the content of the book.

- **4-H Council**

Troy Walz mentioned there is new flooring and windows being put in the 4-H building.

- **Administrator**

Events start up again the 3rd weekend of March and starts the busy season. Yearly sponsorship invoices went out this week. Working with the website to get a link on the website to pay electronically where it does not charge the producer a fee. Some sponsors/producers do pay via Venmo. The Winter Ball looks like it will net approximately \$29,000—still waiting on a few bills to come in and a final report will be presented at the next meeting. Admin Nelson is going to get a check ready to put a full page ad in the premium book on behalf of the Ag Society.

- **Personnel Committee**

The employees have been completing their week task sheets. They have asked for chains for the skid steer to help with it getting stuck in the snow. The committee will meet to review the applications and will offer interviews as appropriate that have come in for the full-time position that was posted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Disc/dec – Horse Committee

Jake Rosentreader: the horse committee sent a survey to the 4-H families to see what the families felt about moving the horse show: Options were to move it to the Sunday before fair, keep it the same, move it to late afternoon on Monday and Wednesday of fair. The livestock committee voted to keep the show the same but wanted to offer the following exception:

“Custer County Fair will allow contestants showing other species (Swine, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, and Beef) to have the option to stall or not to stall their horses at County Fair without the penalty of losing premium monies. They will have stalls assigned to them and they need to be labeled accordingly. They will need to contact the Horse Superintendent to set up a time to check their horses in before showing.”

Concerns were brought up about other species wanting to leave. It was explained that at this time the premium book says any animals leaving early will lose premium money.

The committee also asks the Ag Society and 4-H Council to consider restructuring the fair so that no species or contests overlap on days during the county fair.

It was asked with the number of participants and classes how many days are needed to have the horse show—at this time, it would take 2 days as the committee sees value in all of the classes.

Horn made a motion to allow the exception on the stalling the horses for the participants that have other species and allow for the Wednesday release for all of the horse exhibitors.

Seconded by Ryan.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Ryan, Garrelts, Hartman, Lamb, Cooksley, Stallbuamer, Horn and Nelson

Voting No:

Abstaining:

Absent: Popp,

Motion carried

Walz clarified that the above decision will still need to be approved by the 4-H council.

Disc/dec – Return Alley south of indoor arena.

Admin Nelson reported that all of the snow on the south side of the arena landed on the return alley. Meyers dug out the panels and salvaged what they could and hauled off the rest. Admin Nelson suggested restructuring the alley so that it doesn't happen again. Cooksley agrees that moving the alley away from the building and using free standing panels would be a much better set up. Jake Rosentreader mentioned the issue of free standing panels can lead to tripping horses or people. It was discussed to make one side of the alley permanent— however if using free standing or moveable then you can rework the dirt.

Cooksley said that free standing panels are approximately \$300-\$400 a panel. Discussion is tabled until more information is available.

Disc/dec - Big Fans for indoor arena and Custer County Farm Bureau Show Ring

Admin Nelson put in a call to Greenland Construction to see what the cost would be as well as to Big Ass fans. Big Ass fans will come out and look at the structures and provide an estimate at no cost. Big Ass fans will do the entire installation with a 15 year warranty. If we do the electrical side of it they offer a 7 year warranty. Greenland Construction will install but will not do the electrical.

Disc/dec – Mid-States Finals 2023-2024

Jason Schnoor president of the Mid States Rodeo Finals. He wants to know what the board needs from them to help make this work.

Pres. Nelson asked if the attendance at the other rodeos have bigger attendance/is the small attendance here something that we are going wrong. Jason said that the other rodeos are advertised more. Ryan mentioned that we are fighting against high school rodeo, high school football, and a number of other events.

Admin Nelson was approved for \$4500 to spend on advertising for Mid States.

Complaints coming from participants are wanting better entertainment and hard alcohol.

Mid States Board liked the Friday night Calcutta.

Nelson suggested adding something for the kids like mutton bustin' because of the length of the performances.

Mid States Board also proposed that there not be a clown/clown act hired. They also suggested switching up the announcer of the performance. They also talked about hiring an arena director and helping to cover costs of that direct.

Admin Nelson said that one thing that might help our sponsors is if we could offer sponsorship in the program that is printed.

The Association is willing to try to help get sponsorship and then give a percentage of the raised money to help cover costs of the big screen.

It was suggested that the sponsorship of added money from Custer County would give a percentage back to the ag society in return for advertising of the sponsor throughout the entire rodeo. Jason will take it back to the M-SRA board.

Admin Nelson will get in touch with Jill from M-SRA to make a game plan after the contract is signed.

Representatives signed the contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

Disc/dec – 2023 Contracts for events

Admin Nelson talked with a long time event producer who suggested putting the cost of the stalls on the event producer in exchange for lowering the stall rate to \$15/night for the event only. The board agrees that the stalls should be the issue of the event producer. The board agreed to make a list of pre-approved list of tractor drivers and the event producer will be responsible for paying the driver directly. The cost of the tractor is already factored into the arena rent.

Discussion continued to keep the rental rate at \$500 for day 1, \$450 for day 2, and \$350 for day 3+. Increase roping chute removal fee to \$500.

Hartman moved to approve the arena contract rental agreement with the listed modifications in the minutes. Seconded by Stallbaumer

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Ryan, Garrelts, Hartman, Lamb, Cooksley, Stallbuamer, Horn and Nelson

Voting No:

Abstaining:

Absent: Popp,

Motion carried

Disc/dec – Update on Demo of Barn 1, 7, 8, and restrooms behind grandstands

Loup Valley Construction bid- all disconnect will have to be done prior to removal.

Removal building 1, 7, 8 and restrooms \$35,000

Meyers bid—will do all disconnect of electrical and sewage—

Removal building 1, 7, 8 and restrooms \$71,740.00

Cooksley brought up that we are still using 7 and 8 so having a plan to rebuild is important.

He was thinking it was more important to take down Barn 1 and Ag Hall.

Discussion continued that we need an estimate to tear down Ag Hall. We also need an estimate of the rebuild costs for Barn 7 and 8. It is also concerning to tear down the barn 7 and 8 before fair in the event that we don't get a building put back up before fair.

Discussion tabled until more information is available.

OTHER CONCERNS

Cooksley asked about scheduling another work day to clean out Barn 1 or just make sure the employees are moving tools. It was discussed to just follow up with the employees on their progress.

ADJOURNMENT: Roll Call

Horn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. Seconded by Ryan.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Ryan, Garrelts, Hartman, Lamb, Cooksley, Stallbuamer, Horn and Nelson

Voting No:

Abstaining:

Absent: Popp,

Motion carried

Blair Hartman, Secretary