

Shooting Sports building this past weekend. There have been inquiries about Junk Jaunt cost and what buildings have been available. Representatives from Mid-States were wondering if we wanted to bid again and if we wanted to bid High School Rodeo Finals. Board discussion regarding this feels that we likely will not be bidding Mid-States this year. The board asked for more details about High School Rodeo. B.Ryan and Hannah will work on applying for grants. Working on building up the open air stall barn also.

Stallbaumer entered the meeting at 7:07

- **Fair Entertainment**

B.Ryan has preliminary invoices for Cooper James to play in the beer garden Tuesday, July 30th after the UBF performance. The board as B.Ryan to find out if Cooper James was also available on Monday, July 29th to play after the Bull Riding. The committee is going to seek out local talent for Wednesday night with the addition of potentially axe throwing. It has also been brought to the board's attention that there are patrons who are interested in hosting a cornhole tournament in Trotter Arena on Wednesday night as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Disc/dec – Building Bids for barn 7&8

It was briefly discussed at the last meeting that there was a wide range in the bids.

B.Ryan moved to postpone the building bids for barn 7&8 indefinitely. Seconded by Winters.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent: S.Ryan, Horn, Garrelts

NEW BUSINESS:

Disc/dec - Custer County Chamber

During Crazy Days there is normally the D.C. Lynch Carnival that comes in, because of the year calendar this year and next year, the carnival is not available. The events committee would like to bring in 5 different performers on the weekend of July 13th that will perform from 9:00 pm-1:00am. The Chamber would carry the cost of the performance if the Fairgrounds would host the event on the ground and help with the beer garden. The Chamber would also like to bring "Rock It" Entertainment to the grounds that has small carnival rides and bouncy houses to take the place of the carnival and include 6-8 food trucks during that time as well.

USTRC is happening during this time and the Chamber recognizes that.

Cooksley asked about our responsibility for stage, etc.

Chamber said that Luke Mills Entertainment takes care of most of this type of thing, they would need two flat bed trailers and electricity.

Suggested that we charge the food trucks a vendor fee.

All of the vendors carry their own liability insurance and the Chamber has already worked on their liability insurance to cover the music.

The board agreed that this is a great idea and would like to see the event happen.

Disc/dec – Josh Call—UBF

Josh wanted to present the opportunity to the board to partner on the event with a 50/50 split.

Expectation is that the board would help with the sponsorship for the event.

Board will consider this opportunity with more details. B.Ryan will contact Josh Call.

Disc/dec – Furnace in Shooting Sports Building

Taylor Heating and Air came and looked at the furnace in the Shooting Sports Building after Ben and Casey found an issue. It was found that both furnaces on the west end of the building are worn out—they are the original furnaces from when the building was enclosed. The price to replace both

of them will be approximately \$5500. The furnaces need replaced in order to continue to keep renting the building and keep the building in operation.

Lamb moved to replace the two furnaces as quoted from Taylor Heating and Air, no more than \$5500 . Seconded by Winters.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent:, S.Ryan, Horn, Garrelts

Disc/dec – Fairgrounds Service Pickup

Shortly after purchasing the pickup May of 2023 it had engine troubles and turns out it needed a new motor. After finding a motor and finishing the project, it went over budget and the final bill is approximately \$9100 to Ranchland. Due to the increased cost of the repairs, Ranchland is willing to let us make payments at 0% as long as it is paid in the next 12 months. The purpose of this pickup was to replace the shop that was taken down as a place to keep tools and so employees don't have to drive their personal vehicles.

Stallbaumer made a motion to pay the Ranchland repair bill, not to exceed \$9195.38, monthly, and to be paid within one year. Seconded by Winters.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent: S.Ryan, Horn, Garrelts

Disc/dec – Accept Board Member Resignation

B.Ryan moved to accept Ashley Garrelts resignation. Seconded by Lamb.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent: S.Ryan, Horn

Disc/dec – Election of Treasurer

Cooksley opened the floor for nominations.

Stallbaumer nominated Bonnie Winters

B.Ryan moved to cease nominations. Seconded by Lamb.

Voting conducted via voice. The vote was affirmative. Winters will serve as Treasurer.

Winters brought up concern regarding the accountant and their cost. Winters is willing to train Hannah how to run Quickbooks and print checks in order to speed up the business process.

B.Ryan made a motion to update bank signature cards at Nebraska State Bank to include all Ag Society Executive Officers. Seconded Popp.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent: S.Ryan, Horn

OTHER CONCERNS

The sign is now working again. Hannah is going to follow up with the Tech Company to work out the invoice. The board would like to thank the Lions Club for donating 8 Lifetime Brand Table to replace the tables that went missing.

Cooksley placed a call to NIRMA as an insurance option—the County Board of Supervisors uses NIRMA and carries a high deductible but Dwain Bryner feels that it actually comes out ahead. Jones Insurance Group is working on gathering information regarding renewal options and plans to be at the April meeting.

Mona Weatherly asked the timeline and urgency for finding a replacement board member. President Cooksley has asked fellow board members to come up with suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT:

B.Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11. Seconded by Popp.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Absent:, S.Ryan, Horn

Blair Hartman

Secretary