



MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2022

The meeting notification and agenda were posted in advance at the Custer County Courthouse, on the CCAS Website, the CCAS Facebook page and e-mailed to each board member.

Members present were Rodney Lamb, Blair Hartman, Kent Nelson, Charmayne Popp, Steve Horn, & Casey Cooksley.

Members absent: Ira Spanel, Marla Stallbaumer, Shane Ryan,

Others present were Admin. Michelle Nelson, Grounds Manager JJ Martin, Custer County Chief-Mona Weatherly, UNL Extension Troy Walz

AGENDA:

7:03 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nelson.

NE Open Meetings Act

- Pres. Nelson informed those present of the location and availability of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act publication.

Minutes

- **Approve Minutes of March 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**
Minutes of the January 13, 2022, regular board meeting were reviewed.
Cooksley made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Horn.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Popp, Lamb, Horn, Cooksley, Nelson

Voting No: None

Abstaining: Hartman,

Absent: Stallbaumer, Spanel, Ryan

Motion carried.

Financial Report

- **Approve to pay monthly bills**

Following are the account balances in the various accounts as of March 31, 2022.

Events Account: \$7,344.05

Livestock Account: \$12,473.96

Memorial Funds: \$8,320.03

Storm Damage: \$134,808.11

Capital Fund \$-29,370.60

General Fund: \$145,820.36

Savings Account: \$11,106.12

Cooksley made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills seconded by Hartman.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Popp, Hartman, Lamb, Horn, Cooksley Nelson

Voting No: Stallbaumer, Spanel, Ryan

Abstaining: None

Absent:

Motion carried.

Horn asked how many picnic tables could be purchased with the money in the Memorial fund. Nelson mentioned that \$5000 is ear marked to the beef barns. The rest would purchase approximately 2 tables.

Committee Reports

- **Extension Office**

Walz thanks the board for the new doors on the chuckwagon. Premium book will be back by May 18th. They have secured the judges for the livestock shows. Bailey Heinrichs will be the beef show judge.

- **4-H Council**

Approved the release of horses at 5:00 pm on Wednesday.

- **Grounds Manager**

Martin felt the cutting event went well for being the first big event. When opening the bathrooms on the hill someone had gone in and used the bathrooms, so they cleaned that up and turned on the bathroom for the auction that was held here. Continuing maintenance on the equipment. Winds tore off a sign by the highway so Martin purchased materials at Mead to rebuild it. Cleaned out the storm drains, deep cleaning the food stands, and took down a tree. Martin asked for more dirt/clay to build up a berm as well as filling in the new stall barn as well as to mix into the warm-up arena. Martin asked the board for permission to purchase an edger. Cooksley asked if we have a weed eater that an attachment could be purchased for, Martin will check in to it.

- **Administrator**

A number of upcoming events in the next three weeks. M. Nelson is working on sponsorship for the concert and Mid-States. She is looking at U-Line to purchase new bulletin boards around the fairgrounds. Tom and Kathy Eberle's memorial money was used to purchase a bench and the left over money (\$2800) can be used to purchase picnic tables. This money will purchase 2 picnic tables.

There are 7 packages of hotdogs and 7 packages of hamburgers left from the Micro-wrestling concession stand. M. Nelson suggested that we either do an appreciation supper for the volunteers or she would try to sell the items to a 4-H club.

Board consensus was to sell the items to the 4-H clubs.

Hartman moved to allow M. Nelson to use the memorial money to purchase two picnic tables in memory of Tom and Kathy Eberle. Seconded by Horn.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Popp, Hartman, Lamb, Horn, Cooksley Nelson

Voting No: Stallbaumer, Spanel, Ryan

Abstaining: None

Absent:

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Disc/dec – Mid States Contract

Spanel discussed with M. Nelson a few changes to the presented contract. Those changes were noted by M. Nelson—M. Nelson is clarifying a few questions with Mid-States rodeo leaders and will provide a finalized contract back to the board.

M. Nelson is working on writing grants for the concert at fair and Mid-States Rodeo and she is going to try to ask for enough in the grant to cover the costs.

Hartman moved to approve the Mid-States 2023-2024 contract bid, with the noted changes from Michelle, to be sent to Mid-States Rodeo Association. Seconded by Lamb.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Popp, Hartman, Lamb, Horn, Cooksley Nelson

Voting No: Stallbaumer, Spanel, Ryan

Abstaining: None

Absent:

Motion carried.

Disc/dec – Overhead Doors on Grandstands and stall barn

M. Nelson got an estimate for doors on the Stall barn. The bid looks like it is missing two doors from the estimate so Nelson is clarifying. The estimate was \$14,823.00 which does not include the construction to make the doors the correct size.

Doors for the grandstands had an estimate of \$9,666.00 for a total of 4 doors.

Decision: Tabled while waiting on more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Disc/dec – Miller & Associates proposal for engineering to make grandstands ADA compliant/compatible

M. Nelson has an email to show suggestions to make an ADA accessible area for the grandstands. The services will be performed on an hourly basis, not to exceed \$3500 for drawing the plans. They can start as soon as M. Nelson gives the permission to start. The total cost of the project is approximately \$68,000. There is approximately \$27,000 earmarked for the project from the Winter Ball. M. Nelson will apply for grants as soon as she has the drawing of the plans.

Cooksley asked to see what their hourly rate is. M. Nelson will ask for it.

Decision: Tabled while waiting on more information.

Disc/dec – Aksarben Farm Family Award – Pioneer – Birt Henry Family Farm

M. Nelson presented one applicant for the award—the Birt Henry Family Farm was established in 1922 from Callaway.

Horn moved that we approve the application of the Aksarben Farm Family Award for the Birt Henry Family Farm. Seconded by Cooksley.

M. Nelson asked if we wanted to present the award before the Livestock auction. The board agreed with the time.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Popp, Hartman, Lamb, Horn, Cooksley Nelson

Voting No: Stallbaumer, Spanel, Ryan

Abstaining: None

Absent:

Motion carried.

Disc/dec – Mileage for Judges

***Currently paying .51/mile – as of January 1, 2022 rate is .58.5/mile
Hartman moved to pay the judges .58.5/mile. Seconded by Hartman.**

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Popp, Hartman, Lamb, Horn, Cooksley Nelson

Voting No: Stallbaumer, Spanel, Ryan

Abstaining: None

Absent:

Motion carried.

Disc/dec – Fair Camper Spots

***Want to make “rules” regarding the spots that are up on the hill**

M. Nelson said there are 9 camper spots on the hill. We cannot afford to take spots out, because of the number of people wanting camper spots. Discussion about limiting the size of the camper or making it the responsibility of the patrons to set up their own schedule for parking campers. M. Nelson will provide the patrons a list and contact information for all of the people reserved on the hill to create a schedule with each other.

M. Nelson asked permission to set guidelines for the location of where campers are parked based on the exhibits that are enrolled. The board agreed with the guidelines. In-person camper reservation will open at 11:00 am on Saturday April 30th, 2022.

Disc/dec – Removal of manure pile

Pres. Nelson contacted Meyers for an estimate—they will take the manure to Gates. Estimate is \$225/hour (machine hour only) Side dumps are \$130/hour with no fuel surcharge. Pres. Nelson is going to ask about them hauling dirt also.

Lamb moved to have Meyers remove the manure pile not to exceed \$8000 spending charge. Seconded by Cooksley.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Popp, Hartman, Lamb, Horn, Cooksley Nelson

Voting No: Stallbaumer, Spanel, Ryan

Abstaining: None

Absent:

Motion carried.

Disc/dec – Facility Maintenance

Cooksley shared that the committee met to review tasks that need to be completed in terms of maintenance that should be a priority going into the busy season. Hartman shared the “master” list on 3-20-22. The committee made a list of 6 priorities to be completed before April 29, 2022 and 4 additional tasks to be completed before the May 12, 2022 meeting.

Hartman emailed the priority list to the board, M. Nelson, and JJ Martin.

**Pres. Nelson suggested using ear marked memorial money to replace those tie boards with metal continuous fencing. Board will discuss this idea.

OTHER CONCERNS

M. Nelson feels confident with where we are at with sponsorship for the concert. Kinkaider is going to be the headline sponsor. M. Nelson is asking for the board help to collect sponsorship.

ADJOURNMENT: Hartman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22. Seconded by Cooksley.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Popp, Hartman, Lamb, Horn, Cooksley Nelson

Voting No: Stallbaumer, Spanel, Ryan

Abstaining: None

Absent:

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Blair Hartman, Secretary