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Meeting Minutes

August 11, 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, Steve Horn, Marla Stallbaumer, Casey Cooksley, Ashley Garrelts & Charmayne Popp

Members absent: Shane Ryan

Others present were Admin. Michelle Nelson, KCNI-Grant Winter, Troy Walz UNL Extension, Dwain Bryner, Chase Christen, Custer County Chief-Mona Weatherly, Amanda Lymber, Becky Pearson, Kent Meyers, and Brad Miller

AGENDA:

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nelson.

7:00 p.m.

NE Open Meetings Act

Minutes

- **Approve Minutes of July 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**

Minutes of the July 14 2022 regular board meeting were reviewed.

Horn made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Cooksley.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Horn, Garrelts, Stallbaumer, Cooksley, Lamb, Hartman, Nelson

Voting No: None

Abstaining: Popp

Absent: Ryan

Motion carried.

Financial Report

- **Approve to pay monthly bills**

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

Events Account: \$7,344.05

Livestock Account: \$50,786.27

Memorial Funds: \$5,708.03

Storm Damage: \$134,808.11

Capital Fund \$-29,370.60

General Fund: \$96,051.48

Savings Account: \$11,111.66

Cooksley made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Stallbaumer.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining:

Absent: Ryan

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **Extension Office**

Troy Walz thanked the Ag Society for the work to get ready for and through county fair. Walz gave Admin Nelson the receipts for the judges and other bills from Angie from the County fair. Walz also provided the board with a sale summary from the Livestock Auction—the auction

total was \$361,032.89 which was an increase from last year. Walz commented on the fair comments regarding the dog and horse show. Pres. Nelson asked who is to help make that decision. Walz said that the respective committees will make a proposal to the 4-H Council and then the Council will come to the Ag Society.

- **4-H Council**

Chase Christen presented the report from the July 18th meeting. There will be repairs on the 4-H building—new windows and floors. The Council is going to change the awards recognition to Sunday November 20th in order to get more participants here. 4-H Council extends a thank you to the Ag Society and their families as well as community members who helped get the grounds ready and make the fair go.

- **Administrator**

Admin Nelson provided a list of past events and their gross amounts. The next events start September 2nd. Admin Nelson asked for approval for a new computer that runs the sign—discussion continued from the last time that this was brought up. The board agrees that Michelle should look into a new computer for the sign.

OLD BUSINESS:

Disc/dec – Fair 2022 Recap/Discussion

Pres. Nelson thanks all of the volunteers that came in to help clean up the trees after the storm as well as the workday when the 4-H clubs and volunteers came together. We appreciate the effort that all put in to help get the grounds ready. Horn mentioned that the volunteer help continued through fair. Chase Christen asked if making the work day could be entertained as an annual event. The board is in agreement that we would be interested in scheduling that each summer.

Horn moved that the board enter executive session to discuss fair bonus. Seconded by Hartman

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining:

Absent: Ryan

Motion carried.

Board entered executive session at 7:19pm

Horn moved that the board exit executive session to discuss fair bonus. Seconded by Hartman

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining:

Absent: Ryan

Motion carried.

Board exited executive session at 7:30pm

Horn made a motion to give Admin Nelson a \$500 bonus and provide a token of appreciation to the hourly employees-Tim, Tacey, and Tessa of \$100 gift card each. Hartman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Horn, Garrelts, Popp, Stallbaumer, Cooksley, Lamb, Hartman,

Voting No: None

Abstaining: Nelson

Absent: Ryan

Motion carried.

Disc/dec –

NEW BUSINESS:

Disc/dec – Monthly pay increasing to \$700/month for accountant (Dana F. Cole)

It was noted that the increase was a point of information.

Disc/dec – Storm Damage Claim from July 17, 2022 storm

Pres. Nelson talked to Sharon Roberts this morning regarding the storm damage. The total of the check will be \$89,514.01. The hog barn has recoverable depreciation and will be addressed after the

new roof is on. Weatherly asked Pres. Nelson to outline the damages. The board provided Weatherly a copy of the report.

Admin Nelson asked about bidding out the jobs for the repair. Pres. Nelson confirmed that we will need to submit for bids on Barn 2.

Building 1 actual cash value: \$35,454.30

Building 2 actual cash value: \$55,397.11

Building 5 actual cash value: \$2,329.67

Building 7 actual cash value: \$1,362.93

Horn moved to accept the proposed insurance claim. Seconded by Cooksley.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining:

Absent: Ryan

Motion carried.

Disc/dec – Possible Demo Derby

Pres. Nelson asked Admin Nelson if she had gained new information about the derby. Admin Nelson talked to the Chamber. They seem interested but requested Admin Nelson to attend their next board meeting.

Hartman moved to table the topic of the Possible Demo Derby until after the Chamber meeting. Seconded by Lamb.

A question was asked by Amanda Lymber about what has been discussed as an area. Admin Nelson clarified that she presented the board last month as the flat area regarding safety etc.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining:

Absent: Ryan

Motion carried.

Disc/dec – Set Budget Hearing date/time

Admin Nelson informed the board that the Budget meeting needs to be between the 1st and 15th of September. The regular board meeting is September 8th.

Pres. Nelson proposed September 7th at 6:30 pm for the Budget Hearing date and time with the regular board meeting to follow.

Horn moved that the budget hearing be September 7th at 6:30 pm with the regular monthly meeting to follow. Seconded by Popp.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining:

Absent: Ryan

Motion carried.

Disc/dec – Set 2023 Custer County Fair Dates

Horn moved that the dates of the 2023 Custer County fair be July 28-August 3, 2023.

Seconded by Stallbaumer.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining:

Absent: Ryan

Motion carried.

Disc/dec – Mid States Finals 2022

Admin Nelson said that the big screen cost went up to \$9,000. She received a grant to help off set that cost. Admin Nelson received a call asking about hiring the announcer of the year—she is going to check with the Mid States committee to find out what was possible. Admin Nelson asked our opinion about hiring arena directors or having the board fill those roles. The board will fill the role of arena director. Admin Nelson will send out the list to the board to start asking for more help. She has reserved the beer trailer and is working on the liquor license. Admin Nelson will also get the board sponsorship packages so the board can help find those. Pres. Nelson reminded the board that the Calcutta will be after the Friday performance and there will be a band on Saturday night. Mid-States will be September 16-18th.

OTHER CONCERNS

Amanda Lymber asked if there is recruiting happening to find another fair grounds manager. Pres. Nelson said that the job description has not been put together. It was noted that Admin Nelson has assumed the management position and the hourly employees—Tacey and Tessa Shafer have been handling the work in the arena.

Kent Meyers of Custer County Farm Bureau thanked the work to get the sign put up so timely before fair on the show arena. Kent asked the board to brainstorm a place to hang a sign inside of the arena. Meyers mentioned that a patron from Kearney was at fair and said he would be willing to come present to the board helpful ways to make the grandstands ADA Compliant. Pres. Nelson mentioned that we are waiting on a blueprint from the engineers and we would consider reaching out then.

Admin Nelson brought to the boards attention that we need dirt in the stall barns. Dwain Bryner said he would estimate 600 yards of dirt to fill the barn. Cooksley mentioned that leveling first might be a good idea.

Admin Nelson also asked the board to be thinking about ideas for the winter ball. Ideas that she has heard are getting the large fans for the show arena and the indoor arena. Walz mentioned that a few years ago a 4-H club donated some money to the ag society for fans. Admin Nelson will look into that.

ADJOURNMENT: Roll Call

Hartman moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Stallbaumer

Roll call vote:

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining:

Absent: Ryan

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Blair Hartman Secretary