

Custer County Agricultural Society

Annual Board Meeting

November 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM at the Shooting Sports Building by President Kent Nelson. President Nelson informed those present of the location and availability of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act publication. The meeting notification and agenda were posted in advance at the Custer County Courthouse and mailed to each board member. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Custer County Chief October 28th and November 4th.

Members present were Rodney Lamb, Casey Cooksley, Ira Spanel, Blair Hartman, Kent Nelson, Shane Ryan, Steve Horn, Charmayne Popp and Marla Stallbaumer.

Others present were Administrator Michelle Nelson, Grounds Manager JJ Martin, Mona Weatherly (Custer County Chief) and approximately 12 additional Custer County Residents.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 12, 2020 Annual Board meeting were read by Stallbaumer. Hartman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Horn.

Voting was conducted via verbal vote. Voting the motion was 24 voting Yes, 0 voting No. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer Spanel presented the financial report. Following are the account balances in the various accounts as of the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2021.

Events Account:	\$7,344.05		
Livestock Account:	\$12,426.37	Capital Fund:	\$-30,200.60
Memorial Funds:	\$7,195.03	General Fund:	\$208,615.65
Storm Damage:	\$134,808.11	Savings Account:	\$11,100.55

President's Report

President Nelson gave a brief overview of 2021.

December 2020 – Nelson was elected President, Becky Pearson was elected VP, Ira Spanel was elected Treasurer and Marla Stallbaumer was elected Secretary.

January 2021 – Held a workshop to discuss the 1, 2 & 5 year plans. Held the Annual Winter Ball which brought in \$21,000.00.

February – Voted to provide employees with AFLAC Employer Contribution Supplemental Insurance. Started annual state audit.

March – Took bids on camper pedestal project, awarded to Talon Electric. Bid new skid steer purchase as the lease was no longer an option, went with AKRS. Discussed holding a demo derby.

April – Hosting the lineman rodeo was brought to the board and welcomed.

May – ELKS put electricity in the picnic shelter. Work on the roads began and Connely memorial bench put in.

June – Renewed insurance with Ins. Of the Heartland. Motion passed to have beer garden during Tues. event of fair.

July – Motion was passed to have a beer garden at the Wednesday night fair event. Eberle memorial bench placed.

August – Fair went very well. Accepted Pearson’s resignation (dated 7/16/21) and appointed Charmayne Popp to fill vacant position. Voted Blair Hartman as Vice President. Voted to have the 2022 fair July 29-Aug 4th.

September – MFR went well thanks to all the volunteers. Bought a trailer load of portable panels. Started to develop water line leaks all at once. Fair concert date is July 30, 2022.

October – Set date for the 2022 Winter Ball – January 29th.

Nelson thanked the board for their dedication and the employees for their hard work. He also thanked the donors for their support throughout the year, the event producers for choosing our facilities and the countless volunteers.

Grounds Manager Report

Grounds manager JJ Martin reports the equipment was all serviced and that he and his crew built a new crows nest. He noted that in the busy time Tacey worked 61 days straight. Upcoming projects include coating the floor in the park restrooms, and he asked the board to budget for more gravel next spring and voiced concern about the poor condition of the water lines. He also thanked Chris Ogle and his family for always stepping up when needed.

Administrator Report

Admin. Nelson reported that the 2021 Winter Ball brought in \$21,00 to help upgrade the current RV pedestals and add more. The fairgrounds hosted an array of events from April 10th through August 5th including cow shows, team ropings, barrel racings, cuttings, reinings, a miniature horse show and new this year was the lineman rodeo. We were able to purchase new tables and carts with help from the Custer County Tourism Visitors Committee. Memorial benches were placed for Terry Connely and Tom Eberle. The Elks enclosed the “ceiling” of the picnic shelter. Ten additional camper pedestals were put in. The fair concert was a success. Admin Nelson thanked all of the volunteers who helped put on the Mid States Rodeo Finals. She also thanked all the donors and supporters of the fairgrounds. Also, a huge thank you to JJ, Tim, Tacey, Tessa, Isela & Pheobe for all of their hard work throughout the year.

Election of Officers

Marla Stallbaumer’s, Shane Ryan’s & Charmayne Popp’s seats were all up for election during the 2021 Annual Meeting. President Nelson asked for nominations from the floor.

Steve Horn nominated Charmayne Popp – Popp accepted

Blair Hartman nominated Marla Stallbaumer – Stallbaumer accepted

Bonnie Winters nominated Shane Ryan – Ryan accepted

Pres. Nelson asked if there were any additional nominations.

Hartman made a motion that nominations cease, seconded by Horn.

Horn made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the three incumbents. Seconded by Lamb.

Voting was conducted via verbal vote. Voting the motion was 24 voting Yes, 0 voting No. Motion carried.

Marla Stallbaumer, Shane Ryan and Charmayne Popp will retain their seats on the Custer County Ag Society and their terms will run from 2021 through November 2024.

Other Concerns

Horn wanted to recognize the staff for all the hard work and all that they do for the fairgrounds. Those present gave them a round of applause.

Dave Haumont questioned the leaks in the roof of Building 18, noting that it was recently redone. Martin assured Haumont that he had placed silicone around the ice guards which he thought to be the problem. Will monitor the situation and if needed will reach out to Pearson Construction as they are the ones who put the ice guards on the roof.

It was announced that the next regular meeting of the CCAS will be December 9th at 7:00 PM.

Horn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Hartman seconded the motion. Voting was conducted via verbal vote. Voting the motion was 24 voting Yes, 0 voting No. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Stallbaumer, Secretary