



# CUSTER COUNTY AG SOCIETY PLANNING WORKSHOP

Sunday, January 8, 2023

5:00 p.m. – Shooting Sports Building

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 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, on the CCAS Website, the CCAS Facebook page and emailed to each board member. Members presents were Rodney Lamb, Casey Cooksley, Kent Nelson, Charmayne Popp, Marla Stallbaumer, Ashley Garrelts, and Blair Hartman. Members absent: Shane Ryan. Others present were Admin. Michelle Nelson

- Evaluate current shortfalls

The board discussed shortfalls and listed the following:

Employees—The personnel committee did year end reviews and reported to the board

Internet—The board discussed internet options—specifically Starlink internet. Admin Nelson has questions about Starlink and will contact the company to try to get some answers.

Water Lines—have looked into/trying to address

A lot of keys to keep track of—discussed the potential of updating all doors to the keypad lock

Security—Admin Nelson has ordered a camera system (Cobra) for the indoor arena

Efficiency in Maintenance/Setup/etc—specifically the indoor arena setup and labor in the upkeep of the grounds

Board members plan to meet with patrons to discuss the best setup to suit all.

Pres Nelson would like the board to consider updating the mower that is used/the small John Deere mowers as well as adding quick hitches to the tractors

Board members discussed ways to reduce the labor of cleaning stalls and setting up additional horse stalls.

Barns/Buildings

- Financially obtaining/fixing shortfalls discussed

The board discussed potential compensation packages to accompany the Grounds Manager Job Description.

Admin Nelson will advertise the position

The board gave Admin Nelson permission to try the 30 day free trial to see if it will work at the grounds.

Cooksley will look at auction websites and contact local businesses trying to find a mower to attach to the tractor as well as look into the prices of quick hitches.

- Review/Discuss/Re-evaluate 1-2-5 year plan

1 Year Plan--Big Ass Fans for the show arena and the indoor arena

--Removal and disposal of Barn 1

--Replace the roof on Barn 2

--Removal and disposal of Barns 7 and 8

--Chair lift/ramp on the grandstands

2 Year Plan—Removal of bathrooms behind the grandstands

--Removal of old ATM stand

--Replace overhead doors on the Grandstands, Shooting Sports Building, and Stall Barns

5 Year Plan—Banquet Hall

--New Shop

Admin Nelson provided the board with event contracts as well as example contracts from other grounds. Admin Nelson asked the board to review the contracts to be discussed at the next meeting.

- **Winter Ball**

Admin Nelson reported that there are 16/30 tables sold, 3 set aside for Ag Society, as well as provided a list of auction items to the board.

- **Other Concerns**

Admin Nelson mentioned that the accountant and auditors would like to see the negative account balances fixed. Admin Nelson will work with the accountant to see the options we have.

Horn asked about the status of the Grange Building—Admin Nelson said it has been reported that it is cleaned out.

- **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by 7:31.

Blair Hartman

Secretary