



Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.
4100 N. 84th St, Lincoln, NE 68507

MINUTES

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Board Room--Lancaster Event Center Office
Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:30pm

President Dowding called the meeting of the Lancaster County Agriculture Society to order at 7:32 pm. Proof of due notice was given with the Nebraska Open Meeting Act posted.

Board members present were Bauman, Dowding, Ronnau, Rutt, Swanson, and Suing. Messick and Rawlinson arrived after the financials with Cooper being absent. Amy Dickerson, Susan Bulling, Hoyt Kraeger, Jason Rief, and Tammy Samuel from LEC staff, Lancaster County Commissioner Roma Amundson & Tracy Anderson, Karen Wobig from Extension Office were also in attendance.

It was moved by Ronnau and seconded by Rutt to approve the April minutes. Motion passed 4-0 with Dowding and Rutt abstaining and Cooper, Messick, and Rawlinson being absent and not voting.

Moved by Ronnau and seconded by Rutt to approve the April financials. The motion was approved 6-0 with Messick and Rawlinson absent and not voting. It was moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Ronnau to approve the paying of the checks in the amount of \$350,478.01. The motion was approved 8-0 with Cooper absent and not voting. The Aging Summary was presented for information.

Officer and Committee reports

President Dowding— We won't be able to get the Warner Bull this year because of scheduling as originally thought. However, we will have it for the entire length of the fair next year.

As moved during the August 2017 board meeting this year's Aug meeting will be held Aug 30th for a fair briefing only.

Vice President Ronnau— Personnel Committee Report: Bruce Gubser will be coming on board the first of July. The committee would like LEC salary staff except for Dickerson to temporarily utilize the time clock as a way to gauge their hours including if working more than 40 hours/week by having all salary staff "clock in", even if remotely. This will allow the ability to track hours more efficiently to help with

future personnel planning. The committee will publicize a session where team members can come in with input later in the summer to make sure to encourage an open line of communication.

Secretary Bauman—The main stage acts are about set. Only a couple more smaller time slots to fill in during the weekend afternoons. Bauman will work with Susan Bulling to help finalize contracts. As mentioned in the April meeting a summary of committees were presented. They will be added on future agendas.

Treasurer Rutt—Bruce Gubser first day in office planned to be July 2, 2018. Trudy has most open static ready for the website ready and ready to be beta tested. There is a code for superintendents so they can look without it being open to the public. She is working with Nate to get displays ordered or rented and ribbons are ordered. Jason Rief with LEC staff will send Secretary Bauman information on Showworks training.

Phase 3 Committee Report: Board member Rawlinson gave the report. We will be hosting some dinner meetings to help educate and appreciate those close to LEC on the Phase 3 planning. These will happen from the end of May through the end of June. Focusing on a goal of education right now.

2018 Fair Update—Amy Dickerson, LEC Managing Director & Fair Manager

- Staff are working on the SuperFair website with a live launch planned for June 1st.
- T-shirt design contest initial deadline June 15. If people volunteer to help set up for the Super Fair they get one of these t-shirts. There was a suggestion to add 4-H and FFA to the flyer. Also recommended to extend the entry deadline to June 30th. The board agreed. Tammy will update the flyer with the recommendations.
- Managing Director Dickerson provided the current VIP Luncheon invite list for LCAS board members to look over. There were several additions noted. Dickerson will add the recommendations. Tracy Anderson had the recommendation to have a couple 4-H members speak about their experience and impact. It was agreed that was a great idea.
- Open Dressage—Rawlinson
 - Wranglers Saddle Club would be interested in hosting an open show on the Aug 11th. Rawlinson will provide more information as it becomes available.
- Vendors – Susan Bulling
 - Already have as many vendors secured as we had at the start of the fair last year with 12 new vendors.

LEC Managing Director Report- Amy Dickerson, LEC Managing Director and Fair Manager

- Upcoming Appreciation Dinners—We would like to see LCAS Board members represented at each dinner. We are also starting to gather memorabilia to help document the history of the Lancaster County Super Fair. If you know anyone who would like to share their stories feel free to video them or document their story somehow and share.

- Construction update – The zoning for majority of property except commercial corner is changing from “Ag” Agriculture to “P” Public. This will help future projects with less City oversight needed—this was suggested by City Planning Dept.
- Strategic Planning Session 6/11—We will need up to 4 board members present at this meeting. The plan is to work on a long term strategic plan. This will range from very high level missions down to very specific measurable goals. The session will also include key LEC staff. After the meeting the information will be brought to board for approval.

Other business: none

Communication from the public (5 minute limit per person)

- Karen Wobig and Tracy Anderson – Thanks for including Extension in the appreciation dinners

Executive Session

The Board moved to go into Executive Session at 9:28 pm to discuss various contract negotiations as noted on agenda. Moved by Ronnau and seconded by Suing. Passed 8-0 with Cooper absent and not voting. The Board moved to go out of Executive Session at 10:07 pm. Moved by Messick and seconded by Suing. Passed 8-0 with Cooper absent and not voting.

Decisions after Executive Session

Moved by Ronnau and seconded by Rawlinson to grant approval to President Dowding to sign contract with The Clark Enersen Partners for phase 3 architectural and pre-bid services. Motion passed 8-0 with Cooper absent and not voting.

Moved by Messick and seconded by Rawlinson to adjourn at 10:08 PM. Motion passed 8-0 with Cooper absent and not voting.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jamie Bauman- LCAS Secretary

Secretary Bauman

Vice President Ronnau

Next meeting: June 21, 2018 at 7:30 PM