



Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.
4100 N. 84th St, Lincoln, NE 68507
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00pm
Board Room--Lancaster Event Center Board Room

Vice President Ronnau called the meeting of the Lancaster County Agriculture Society to order. Proof of due notice was given with the Nebraska Open Meeting Act posted.

Board members present were Bauman, Cooper, Messick, Rawlinson, Ronnau, Rutt, and Swanson with Dowding and Suing being absent.

It was moved by Ronnau and seconded by Rutt to approve the January minutes. Motion passed 3-0 with Dowding, Rawlinson and Suing absent and not voting. Bauman, Swanson and Messick abstained as they were absent from the January meeting.

It was moved by Bauman and Seconded by Ronnau to move into an executive session to discuss contractual issues in regards to the NHSFR construction with representatives from Hampton Construction (Lincoln Zehr, Scott Lockard) and REGA Engineering (Dan Rosenthal) and LEC Managing Director Dickerson and LEC Business Development Lead Hoyt Kraeger at 7:07pm. Motion passed 6-0 with Dowding, Rawlinson, and Suing absent and not voting. Board Member Rawlinson arrived during the executive session. It was moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Cooper to come out of the executive session at 8:10pm. Motion passed 7-0 with Dowding and Suing absent and not voting.

It was moved by Rutt and seconded by Rawlinson to authorize members of the Ag Society Rodeo Committee to approve signing of the grandstand contract by the President. Motion passed 7-0 with Dowding and Suing absent and not voting.

Moved by Messick and seconded by Bauman to approve the February Financials. Motion passed 7-0 with Dowding and Suing absent and not voting. It was moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Cooper to approve the paying of the checks in the amount of \$456,011.21. Motion passed 7-0 with Dowding and Suing absent and not voting. The Aging Summary was presented for information.

Officer and Committee reports

- President (Dowding)-not present

- Vice President (Ronnau)-no report
- Secretary (Bauman)-no report
- Treasurer (Rutt)-no report
- Personnel (Ronnau)— They are currently compiling data from the Managing Director review process and will go over it with us once they have finished.
- Phase 3 (Rawlinson)— The first LEC Phase 3 Ad hoc community leader committee meeting went really well. Information presented brought out really good questions. Ag Society representatives were Ronnau, Rawlinson, Cooper and Swanson. In addition to Ronnau and Rawlinson, Messick and Suing will be attending next meeting on March 13.
- Premium Auction (Bauman)— Bauman gave update that President Dowding, Secretary Bauman, and Board Member Cooper met with Extension Staff Tracy Anderson to discuss thoughts on the Premium Auction. Mostly we need to focus on reaching out to 4-H families and find a way to get them informed how auction works and involved in the fundraising. There was much discussion to see if there is a way we could decide beforehand how many purples we wanted to let into the Auction and if Rate of Gain could be added to Beef to allow more opportunities to participate.
- NHSFR Rodeo Board Committee (Ronnau) – Excited to say that we have secured the bid for 26/27 NHSFR from recent NHSRA vote held in Salt Lake City in January. Competing bids were from Rock Springs and Gillette with new very competitive bid from new KC facility being built by the American Royal. The KC bid got half of JH/HS contracts available for 26/27 & 28/29 in fact.
- Grievance (Cooper)-no report

NAFM Conference & District 1 Meeting Report (Rawlinson) – Board Member Rawlinson and LEC Events Coordinator Bulling attended and made some contacts for potential entertainment. They also enjoyed visiting and getting new ideas from other counties’ Ag Society Members.

2019 Fair Update--Fair book draft available (final changes due March 1)

- Open Livestock Shows update – questions were raised on how do we handle sponsorships that are raised by the LEC vs those raised by the open show superintendents. Do we want to have added money? If so should that money be the responsibility of the show superintendent while Fair-raised sponsor money goes to covering the cost of the shows? Is there benefit in having added money? Rawlinson and Bulling will get together on a sponsor plan of action and overall financials of Open Livestock shows. Board asked them to make sure we were re-starting the Open Livestock shows in sustainable financial manner where Ag Society main responsibility to provide facility with minimal added labor using existing fair setup in the livestock barn and ribbons while judges, premiums & other costs covered by entry fees and sponsorships before any added monies considered.
- Pepsi Free Music Series update & proposal for second Sat. “Brews & Bands” Festival inside MPA (Bauman). Focus on an event to help bring in foot traffic on the last carnival day. Nebraska Country Bands and Nebraska Craft Brew vendors. What are the logistics and liquor laws in hosting this kind of event? Do we charge a cover charge? Do we charge a vendor fee to breweries? Interest in finding a sponsor for the event. Do we want to bring in food trucks? Board thought to limit to securing breweries for this year and see how it goes. This way we aren’t taking away from alcohol and food concessions

at the same time. Bands would start around 2-3pm and go until 11pm or midnight.

Managing Director report (Dickerson)-no additional report

Other business:

- LEC Business Development Coordinator Hoyt Kraeger presented a sponsorship fundraising chart. He is looking for more businesses for each category and where does Board have contacts for the businesses we have brainstormed to contact.

Communication from the public (5 minute limit per person): none

It was moved by Cooper and Rawlinson to go into executive session at 10:00pm to discuss contractual issues for the cell tower and egress driveway land purchases. The motion was approved 7-0 with Dowding and Suing absent and not voting. It was moved Rawlinson and seconded by Messick to come out of the executive session at 10:10pm. Motion passes 7-0 with Dowding and Suing absent and not voting.

It was moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Cooper to grant authorization to Managing Director Dickerson to spend up to \$20,000 to purchase land needed for the egress driveway. Motion passed 7-0 with Dowding and Suing absent and not voting.

Moved by Bauman and seconded by Cooper to adjourn at 10:20 PM. The motion was approved 7-0 with Dowding and Suing absent and not voting.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jamie Bauman- LCAS Secretary

Secretary Bauman

Vice President Ronnau

Next Meeting: March 21, 2019, 7:00pm