



Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.
4100 N. 84th St, Lincoln, NE 68507
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 7:30pm
Lancaster County Farm Bureau Meeting Room – Exhibit Hall

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

Board members present were Dowding, Cooper, Ronnau, Rutt, Suing, Messick, Swanson, Rawlinson with Bauman being absent. Others present were Amy Dickerson, LEC Managing Director; Hoyt Kraeger, LEC Business Development; Roma Amundson and Rick Vest, County Commissioners.

It was moved by Ronnau and seconded by Dowding to amend the agenda to move #13 to #3 and began executive session at 7:35pm. Motion passed 8-0 with Bauman being absent and not voting.

Executive Session: contract with cellular company, contract with County on VPC grant

Rawlinson moved and Ronnau seconded to move out of executive session. Motion passed 8-0 with Bauman being absent and not voting. Amundson and Vest departed at 8:10pm. Executive session ended at 8:31pm.

Approval of minutes and financial reports

Rutt motioned and Rawlinson seconded to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion passed 8-0 with Bauman being absent and not voting.

Rawlinson motioned and Ronnau seconded to approve the April financial report. Motion passed 8-0 with Bauman being absent and not voting.

It was moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Dowding to approve the paying of the April checks in the amount of \$514,570.80. Motion passed 8-0.

Rawlinson motioned and Messick seconded to approve the May financial report. Motion passed 8-0 with Bauman being absent and not voting.

It was moved by Ronnau and seconded by Cooper to approve the paying of the May checks in the amount of \$290,714.80. Motion passed 8-0.

Officer and Committee reports

- President (Dowding) – no report
- Vice President (Ronnau) – Receiving lots of positive feedback from contestants and guests at Cornhusker Classic Quarter Horse Show about the facility and community. Rawlinson mentioned that UNL Rodeo Club will have a great opportunity to recruit for UNL during NHSFR.
- Secretary (Bauman) – no report
- Treasurer (Rutt) – no report
- Phase 3/Ad Hoc (Rawlinson) – grateful progress is being made on grant contract
- Premium Auction (Bauman) – Ronnau presented for Bauman that Premium Auction committee will experience transition within the next year.
- Personnel (Ronnau) – Committee to meet immediately after Ag Society Board meeting
- Grievance Committee (Cooper) – no report

2019 Fair Update

Dickerson: Ticket sponsors are all in. Ads and Flyers are all complete and approved, but for one. Hoyt Kraeger provided a Fair Sponsors update with comparisons from last year's sponsors. Additional sponsorship meetings for the facility are scheduled in July with Eric Smallwood with APEX to be included in these meetings. Cooper suggested that board members be advised of these meetings and included in them, as well. Rawlinson suggested that a Fundraising Committee be formed. Fundraising Committee will include the following members: Rawlinson, Cooper, Swanson, Dowding and other community members to be invited.

Dickerson provided an update for Bauman that the Brews and Bands portion of the Fair has been canceled due to competing music activities within the community.

Kraeger reported that VIP luncheon invites are to be sent out soon.

Lancaster County Extension update – no report

Hall of Fame 2019 final decision: Ronnau moved and Suing seconded to approve Trudy Pedley, Jay Wilkinson and Pam Branson to be added to the Hall of Fame. Motion passed 8-0.

Managing Director Report (Dickerson):

- Dickerson reported that there are ongoing negotiations for a partnership with UNL Rodeo Club that would allow the club to have more access to LEC facilities.
- Dickerson reported that Greg Rook provided a provisional acceptance to offer of position as Operations Director.
- Dickerson stated that moving forward the strategy for hiring and keeping personnel will be changing to ensure less turn over and more experienced, productive crew. The management team is looking at if LEC pay needs to be more competitive to make this strategy possible in the current tight job market.

Managing Director Pay Change:

Dowding moved and Suing seconded to give authority to personnel committee to set Managing Director pay change. Motion passed 8-0.

Other business: None

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

Approval for President to sign county VPC grant contract:

Rawlinson moved and Rutt seconded to grant approval for President to sign county VPC grant contract pending approval of Rodeo Committee (Bauman, Cooper, and Ronnau). Motion passed 8-0 with Bauman absent and not voting.

Moved by Ronnau and seconded by Rutt to adjourn at 10:05pm. Motion was approved 8-0 with Bauman being absent and not voting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie Schrodt

LEC Office Manager

President Dowding

Vice President Ronnau

Next Meeting: July 18, 2019 at 7:30pm