



Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.
4100 N. 84th St, Lincoln, NE 68507
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00pm
Board Room--Lancaster Event Center Board Room

President Dowding 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, Dowding, Messick, Rawlinson, Ronnau, Rutt, Suing, and Swanson.

It was moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Ronnau to approve the February minutes as corrected. Motion passed 8-0. Dowding abstained as he was absent from the February meeting.

Moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Ronnau to approve the March Financials. Motion passed 9-0. It was moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Ronnau to approve the paying of the checks in the amount of \$567,196.91. Motion passed 9-0. The Aging Summary was presented for information.

Officer and Committee reports

- President (Dowding)-no report
- Vice President (Ronnau)-no report
- Secretary (Bauman)-no report
- Treasurer (Rutt)-no report
- Premium Auction – No report
- Personnel (Rawlinson)— Jennifer will present the information from the directors review during the executive session.
- Phase 3 (Rawlinson)— The first Ad hoc committee meeting went really well. Information presented brought out really good questions. As a board we need to continue to reach out and share ideas for funding.
- NHSFR Rodeo Board Committee (Ronnau) – Used Stalls became available that we could buy at a highly discounted rate because of a supplier going out of business. Once you took into account the cost of renting the amount of necessary stalls and cost to cover them over years the NHSFR would be in Lincoln, it was nearly the same cost, if not cheaper to buy these stalls. We could then use them for other shows throughout the year needing greater stalling capacity than we currently

offer, such as the Cornhusker Classic.

- Grievance (Cooper)-no report

2019 Fair Update

- Luncheon Prep – Names for the 2019 Hall of Fame were discussed. Secretary Bauman has a list on her computer so the names can be kept until the presentation and notification of selected recipients. The ASKSARBEN Awards has been put in the Nebline asking for nominations. Families will mail in their nominations to the Event Center. Managing Director Dickerson will provide Event Center Staff service awards to Secretary Bauman. Once we know how big the list is we can look how/if we can fit it into the luncheon.

NHSFR Update (Dickerson) -

Managing Director Dickerson is working with project leaders on getting some final budget numbers. Construction is progressing and project crews are waiting for the ground to dry up so they can pick up speed again. Most outside construction is done and we are getting close to being mostly construction that is controlled by the Event Center. We received an approximately \$200,000 marketing grant from Nebraska Tourism. This grant will focus on getting visitors to come to Nebraska for more than just the rodeo and encourage them to enjoy an extended stay. This target group will include extended friends and families of the contestants.

Cell tower update (Dickerson):

We have started working with a new lawyer who has more knowledge on these type of contracts. Current plans are to work towards owning the tower as well will have more control.

Managing Director Report (Dickerson):

We are almost through the busiest month of the year. Due to the flooding and blizzard impacting the state, we are working on providing shelters for displaced animals and have become a gathering place for hay donations. We have also helped to connect local, regional and national media outlets to farmers/ranchers for stories and outreach. It has been all hands on deck and the staff has really stepped on and taken on a tremendous amount of extra responsibility during this time. We thank them for their efforts!

Other business: None

Communication from the public (5 minute limit per person):

Tracy Anderson – Thanks to those who helped at the Beef weigh-in and helped work on the fair book. She also shared the following information about what UNL's has set up in regards to the flooding. Website sharing information: flood.unl.edu. Email: floodresponse@unl.edu

It was moved by Ronnau and seconded by Bauman to go into executive session at 8:07pm to discuss the Managing Director evaluation. Motion passed 9-0. It was moved Suing and seconded by Messick to come out of the executive session at 8:40pm. Motion passes 9-0.

Moved by Bauman and seconded by Cooper to adjourn at 8:40pm. The motion was approved 9-0.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jamie Bauman- LCAS Secretary

Secretary Bauman

Vice President Ronnau

Next Meeting: April 18, 2019, 7:00pm