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Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.

*A Nebraska non-profit corporation, designated as 501(c)(3) by the IRS
and separate county-level political subdivision
created under Nebraska law in 1870 to promote agriculture & youth.*

MINUTES

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Lancaster Room – Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds

4100 N. 84th Street, Lincoln NE 68507

7:30pm - Thursday, June 16, 2022

Zoom link for non-voting attendees: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82427586369>

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President Ronnau called the monthly meeting of the Lancaster Country Agricultural Society board to order at 7:36pm.

Proof of due notice was given in the Lincoln Journal Star, and the Nebraska Open Meeting Law was displayed in the room.

Board members present in person Kendra Ronnau, Ron Suing, John Cooper, Bryce Doeschot, Lynn Hagan. Also present were extension staff Karen Wobig, Tracey Anderson and Nicole Miller. LEC staff present were Amy Dickerson, Greg Rook, Nate Dowding, Melissa Murante (zoom), Megan Schafersman (zoom).

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Suing to move agenda item 3 to approve the minutes from May 2022's meeting to when Cusick-Rawlinson. Motion passed without objection.

Financial reports for May 2022 – Dickerson shared the financial report on behalf of Harrison. Hagan moved to accept the May 2022 financials. Suing seconded. Motion passed without objection.

Cusick-Rawlinson arrived at 7:59pm.

Approval of Checks for May 2022 – It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Hagan to approve the May checks in the amount of \$255,191.45. Motion passed without objection.

Officer and Committee reports – President Ronnau shared the center has been hit quite hard with staff and board personal family situations. Ronnau noted a couple board members will be moving on and not around in September so the board will need to decide if need to move the September meeting to September 8.

Extension Update – Wobig and Anderson gave a brief update on what Extension is up to lately which included mostly focusing on the fair preparations and STEM programming. Wobig also introduced new board member Nicole Miller.

Communication from the public – None.

2022 Fair Update – Nate Dowding gave an in depth update on plans for the Super Fair. Dowding noted generator costs from 2019 to now jumped from \$5700 to \$26000 so he is working with Melissa and the vendors to see if there is some sponsorship that can be worked out to bring down the costs. Ronnau shared this is a place where really need the city to step up more to support otherwise will consider cutting back if it continues to stay unsustainable.

Business Development Report – Murante gave a brief update on business development including coordination of thank you notes and gifts being shared with major partners. Murante and Schafersman shared preliminary plans for the November Banquet and requested all to save the date for November 17, 2022.

Ronna paused the Business Development Report to remind everyone how last year a group of middle school kids caused major safety issues so the LEC exec team, staff and LPD opted to condense the carnival/fair hours to start earlier and end earlier. Everything will be shut down at 10pm to be more family friendly. LPD Captain shared this is a nation wide trend and they are working on a way to communicate this in a friendly positive way.

Managing Director Report – Dickerson gave a brief update on large fundraising plans including the Nebraska ARPA funds that were allocated to LEC is still yet to be determined what can be used for. Dickerson with the help of Harrison applied for a new grant program from the city for the nonprofit tourism industry. Dickerson noted the team continues to work on identifying ongoing funding streams. Schafersman gave an update on new college interns that have joined the team and excited to have their help. Cusick-Rawlinson noted there is an intern program that reimburses paying for interns that we can apply for next year.

Other business – Cooper moved and Suing seconded to approve the minutes from May 2022 meeting. Motion passed without objection. Lancaster County Commissioner Rick Vest shared he hopes everyone is doing well and good luck with everything.

Executive session – It was moved by Hagan and seconded by Cusick-Rawlinson to move into an executive session to discuss pricing for customer contract negotiations at 9:03pm.

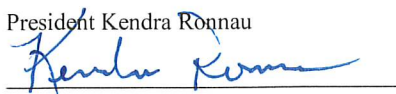
It moved by Doeschot and seconded by Suing to exit executive session. Motion passed without objection.

It was moved by Hagan and seconded by Doeschot to adjourn the meeting. The board approved the motion without objection and meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Next meeting: July 21, 2022 at 7:30pm

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 21st day of July, 2022 Submitted by the
LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

President Kendra Ronnau



Secretary John Cooper

