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August 1-10 2024

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

Lincoln Room—Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds

4100 N. 84th Street, Lincoln NE 68507

7:00pm - Wednesday, November 29, 2023

1. Call the meeting to order and proof of due notice of meeting and open meeting notice posted
 - President Ronnau called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
 - Confirmed proof of due notice in Lincoln Journal Star
 - Open Meeting Laws posted in the room
2. Roll Call
 - Roll call taken, all 9 board members present
 - Ronnau, R. Dowding, Cooper, Rutt, Cusick-Rawlinson, Hagan, Sump, Hardesty, Suing
 - Also present in person: SGEC staff Dickerson, N. Dowding, J. Rief, Jones, Harrison, Ed Hobelman. Lancaster County Extension: Nicole Miller. Public: Bill Donovan.
 - Present online: none present.
 - Board Clerk Bowen absent due to illness. Minutes taken by Dickerson.
3. Approval of minutes from October meeting
 - Sump moved, Suing seconded to approve October minutes as presented, voted by roll call vote 6-0 with three abstaining.

- Abstaining Cooper, R. Dowding, Hagan as not present at last meeting.
4. Officer Reports
 - President (Ronnau), Vice President (Dowding), Secretary (Cooper), Treasurer (Rutt)
 - None
 5. Standing Committee Reports as relevant:
 - Personnel (Ronnau), Strategic Planning (Rawlinson), Premium Auction (Open), NHSFR Rodeo (Hagan), Grievance (Cooper), Fund Development (Rawlinson)
 - Hagan called attention to recent emailed report from our NHSFR Lincoln Event Manager John Kaiser after a fruitful first visit in person with the NHSRA at their Denver offices
 6. Extension Update -- Karen Wobig, Lancaster County Extension
 - Nicole Miller with Extension Board gave update that Chris Scow and Trudy Pedley are going off the board in a month with replacements to be approved by the County Board shortly
 7. Communication from the public (5-minute limit per person)
 - Public attendee Bill Donovan commented congratulations were in order for the launch of the Sandhills Global Event Center name
 8. NAFM Convention January in Kearney, Jan 19-21 (key day Sat. 20th)
 - Registration Due Dec. 20th -- determine our attendees
 - Board decided in discussion to determine attendees at next meeting
 9. Operations Report (N. Dowding)
 - Construction Update
 - N. Dowding gave update on wide range of remodeling projects from new polished floor in Nebraska Room, new carpet for Meeting Center lobby, new main walk-in freezer, repainting Meeting Center, fixing roof condensation in Pavilion 3, new lighting in Pavilion 2 and 3 with more to come in December in Pavilion 4
 - Naming Signage w/ Rief on digital signs
 - N. Dowding updated that LEC staff/contractors managed by LEC team were supporting installation of variety of indoor/outdoor signage for Sandhills Global naming launch 12/1 with more to follow over coming months
 - J. Rief gave update install to be finished on Monday before Ag Expo
 - Major Upcoming Shows
 - N. Dowding mentioned major shows coming up -- Ag Expo next week, Magical Lights all month, Arenacross in first week of January
 10. Reminder Ag Society Election & Annual Meeting (Thursday December 14, 2023)
 - Ronnau reminded election next month on Dec 14th 5:30-6:30 pm for Lancaster County registered voters to participate followed by Annual Meeting where Lancaster County registered voters can participate and vote per agenda
 11. Determine final candidates for Annual Ag Society Board Election (Nominating Committee: Ronnau, Rutt, Suing)
 - Terms ending: Cusick-Rawlinson, Hagan, Sump

- Confirm candidate bios/pics received by November 16 deadline
 - Nominating committee presented three candidate statements received from Jennifer Cusick-Rawlinson, Mitch Sump, and Lynn Hagan whose names will be placed on the ballot used by the Lancaster County Election Commission administering the annual Lancaster County Ag Society board election.

12. Financial Report (Harrison)

- Accept Financials: October P&L, Balance Sheet
 - Cusick-Rawlinson moved, Sump seconded to accept financials as presented which passed by roll call vote 9-0.
- For Approval: November Checks
 - Harrison presented \$488,716.30 in checks from October for board approval.
 - Cusick-Rawlinson moved, Hagan seconded to approve the checks as presented. Passed by roll call vote 9-0.
- For Information: P&L by Class October YTD, Budget October YTD
 - Harrison presented info for board's information.
 - She commented that FY24 budget that begins on December 1, 2023 will be presented hopefully at December board meeting as she has time to meet with all department managers and is pleased how close the budget was for FY23 her first attempt at more detailed operational budget.

13. ARPA Update/Draw Request (Harrison)

- ARPA Fund Balance Review
- New Draw 9 Approval including any initial Funds Transfer
 - Harrison presented Draw 9 for which includes a new main walk-in refrigerator cooler, Pavilion 4 lighting and remodel of women's restrooms near Good Times Grill with a disbursement for asphalt repair expense and down payment on walk-in main refrigerator cooler
 - Board discussion encouraged staff to get multiple bids for the cooler including recommended supplier from sponsor UStop's connections
 - Cusick-Rawlinson moved, Hardesty seconded to approve ARPA Draw 9 with total amount of \$381,637 and initial disbursement of \$61,984.00
 - Motion carried by roll call vote 9-0.

14. Managing Director Report (Dickerson)—11/30 Blue Jean Gala, 12/1 Naming Launch

- Dickerson gave overview of plans for these events over next two days on grounds with board roles with practice for board members to follow tonight's public meeting
- Dickerson mentioned that other aspects of naming rollout for effective date of December 1st were on track from uniforms, business cards & nametags led by Sue

Morrison to forms/brochures by office team and social media, entire web site relaunch by LEC marketing team with KidGlov agency support.

15. Approve 2024 Ag Society Board Meeting Dates

- Rutt moved, Suing seconded to approve the 2024 public LCAS board meeting dates as presented

16. Other business

- Suing moved, Rutt seconded to clarify the December meeting times so there wasn't a wait to start the Monthly Meeting after the Annual Meeting:
 - Ag Society Annual Meeting 6:45pm
with Ag Society Monthly Meeting to follow not to start before 7:00 pm
after Annual Election 5:30pm-6:30 pm.
 - Passed by roll call vote 9-0.

17. Adjournment

- N. Dowding moved, Suing seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed without objection and meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for:

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Annual Election 5:30pm-6:30 pm


Ag Society Annual Meeting 6:45pm

Ag Society Monthly Meeting to follow not to start before 7:00 pm

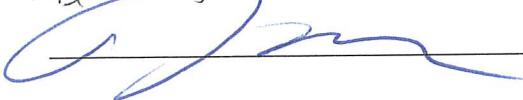
See SandhillsGlobalEventCenter.org (click on News, Public Notices)

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 14 day of December, 2023 Submitted by the LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

President Kendra Ronnau



Secretary John Cooper





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2024 Lancaster County Ag Society Public Meeting Dates for Approval Approved 11/29/23

All 3rd Thursdays **except where highlighted**

- January 18, 2024 7:00pm Election of Officers
with 6:30pm Lancaster Co. Fairgrounds JPA Election of Officers
- February 15, 2024 7:00pm
- March 21, 2024 7:00pm

Later Summer Meeting Time:

- April 18, 2024 7:30pm
- May 16, 2024 7:30pm
- June 20, 2024 7:30pm
- July 18, 2024 7:30pm
- (Aug 1-10, 2024 Lancaster County Super Fair)
- **Thursday, August 22, 2024 7:30pm**
- September 19, 2024 7:30 pm
with 6:30 pm JPA and 7 pm LCAS Annual Budget Hearings
& 6:45 pm JPA Meeting immediately preceding

Earlier Winter Meeting Time Resumes:

- October 17, 2024 7:00pm
 - Suggested joint meeting with County Board
- **Tuesday November 19, 2024 7:00pm**
 - Practice for Thursday 11/21 Blue Jean Gala follows board meeting
- **Thursday, December 12, 2024**
 - Election, annual meeting, monthly meeting

