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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*

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds 4100 N. 84th Street, Lincoln NE 68507
Lancaster Room (Business Center in Pavilion 1)
Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:45 pm

1. Call the meeting to order and proof of due notice of meeting and open meeting notice posted.

- *The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Ronnau*

2. Roll Call

- *Present: Ron Dowding, Lynn Hagan, Kendra Ronnau, Ron Suing, Bryce Doeschot, Tom Messick, Jennifer Cusick-Rawlinson, Karen Rutt*
- *Absent: John Cooper*

3. Approval of minutes from Dec. 2020 Annual Meeting – not needed, already approved Jan. 2021

4. President's Report (Kendra Ronnau) – thoughts on the year's progress

- *There was a great fair this year; everyone was happy to be back to a more normal fair in person after a limited pandemic fair in 2020. The word for 2021 as we celebrated our 150th anniversary as an Ag Society is "Wow." The first NHSFR rodeo was also incredible this year in July. We are indebted to the board and the LEC staff. We are working hard on securing ongoing funding and are on the right path. We are getting the city and State's attention for future support.*

5. Treasurer's Report (Rutt/Martin) – high level financial status (Report given by Dickerson in place of Rutt/Martin).

- *End of year financials end in November 2021, so those are being prepared for January's board meeting. LEC final got approval after 5 months for a \$350K addition to our \$150K Economic Injury Disaster Loan. Due to the pandemic, it took much longer to process than previously. LEC is ending the year fairly strong and similar to previous years but is still looking to improve our financial sustainability going forward. The City/County tourism attractions/business districts ARPA grant*



application was denied because LEC does not sit in a qualified Census district, a more strict guideline than required by the federal ARPA law. This decision is being appealed.

6. LCAS Annual Election Results (Dave Shively, Lancaster Co. Election Commissioner)

- 27 people voted in total. The total vote counts for each candidate were as follows:
 - Ron Suing – 24 votes
 - Karen Rutt – 26 votes
 - Kendra Ronnau – 23 votes

7. Announcement of 2021 Wall of Fame inductees (Secretary John Cooper)

- a. LEC rolled 2020 Wall of Fame inductees into 2021, so no one new was announced in 2021 as 2020 inductees to be celebrated in November 2021 20th Anniversary Banquet.

8. Other Business

- None

9. Public Comments (maximum of 5 minutes each)

- Trudy Pedley –representing the Lancaster County Extension Board. Trudy announced that Dave Varner did not get position as Dean of Extension; a candidate from North Dakota had been hired instead. The Extension Board is still looking to hire a crop educator. There is also a vacancy within the office and a labor shortage (as with many other areas). Trudy is willing to help with the transition period in Open Static as she officially retires from this position in 2022.

10. Adjournment

- Ron Suing moved to adjourn the annual public meeting. Tom Messick seconded, and the motion passed 8-0.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

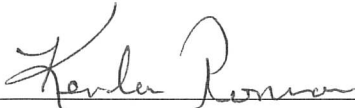
Next Annual Election & Public Meeting:
Thursday, December 15, 2022 at time, place TBA

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 30 day of January, 2022

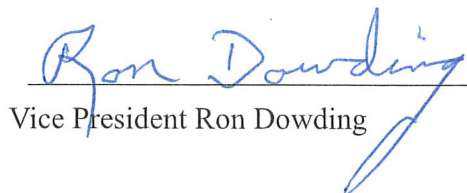
Submitted by the

LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA



President Kendra Ronnau



Vice President Ron Dowding

