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Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.

*A Nebraska 501(c)3 non-profit corporation
and quasi-governmental organization created under Nebraska law in 1870
to promote agriculture, youth, and community
through management of Lancaster's County fairgrounds
and organizing the annual Lancaster County fair*

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 6:45pm

Sandhills Global Event Center - Nebraska Room

4100 N. 84th Street, Lincoln NE 68507

Nebraska Room - *Enter at Tractor house pavilion meeting center. Go through doors and down the hallway. Parking available in the Currency Lot*

President Ronnau called the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society to order at 6:52pm.

Notice of the Annual Public Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star under the Nebraska Open Meeting Act and proof of publication was displayed in the room.

President's Report - President Ronnau shared that the 2024 Event numbers are up over 2023. Ronnau said that she attributes this increase to the hard work of the SGEC staff. Ronnau stated that improvements to the facility and the continued high-quality maintenance have brought many compliments from event attendees. Ronnau talked about the board's excitement watching the 4H children and public enjoying the events at the 2024 fair and stated that the board would like to do what they can to support the growth of 4H enrollment and participation numbers for Lancaster County. Ronnau asked if there were any other comments from the board. Sump stated that he

wanted to congratulate the staff on a successful year and that he had noticed a positive change in staff morale with the adjustments in facility management.

Financial Report - Treasurer Rutt shared high level financial information from 2024. Rutt stated that staffing changes and moving toward hiring a CPA firm has created a clearer and easier to read financial statement.

LCAS Annual Board Election Results - President Ronnau read the results of the board election held on this day. The results were as follows:

- Ronnau - 162
- Rutt - 159
- Suing - 166
- Armstrong - 31
- Krueger - 29
- McNeil - 1
- Keiser - 1

The three open positions will be filled by Ronnau, Rutt, and Suing. These positions will serve a three-year term ending in 2027.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment - President Ronnau introduced Legal Counsel Gene Summerlin to discuss the proposed bylaw amendment to Article III, Section 11 of the LCAS Constitution and Bylaws. A copy of the proposed bylaw amendment was available for review by the membership. Summerlin said that this proposed bylaw amendment would require mandatory attendance of board members at regular and special board meetings, unless excused by the President of the board for good cause. Summerlin stated that if a board member had three or more unexcused absences during a single term of office, that member may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the board and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Article III, Section 10. Ronnau stated that this change had been discussed at previous board meetings and needed to be adopted at an annual meeting to update the bylaws. Ronnau asked for additional discussion. There was none. Suing made a motion to present this amendment to the membership, adding Section 11 to Article III of the LCAS bylaws; Dowding seconded. Ronnau asked for additional questions. There was additional discussion regarding virtual attendance and excused absences. Ronnau asked for additional discussion; there was none. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 9-0.

Ronnau called for a vote by voice of the general membership regarding the addition of Section 11 to Article III of the LCAS bylaws, relating to the board of directors' attendance at regular and special board meetings. All were in favor, none were opposed; the motion passed to amend the LCAS bylaws to add Section 11 to Article III regarding board member attendance at regular and special board meetings.


Public Comments - Member of the public, Joel Armstrong asked about the notice for an amendment to the bylaws. Ronnau stated that a public notice was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star stating that a bylaw change would be addressed at this meeting and a copy of the proof of print from the LJS was available in the room for examination. Armstrong asked about virtual meeting attendance. Ronnau referred the question to legal counsel Summerlin who stated that County Ag Society meetings are subject to the open meetings act and therefore must be attended in person to have a vote.

There were no other public comments.

Sump made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cusick-Rawlinson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 16th day
of January, 2024. Submitted by the LANCASTER COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

President Kendra Ronnau



Secretary John Cooper

