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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*

### **PUBLIC MINUTES**

**Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**

**December 3, 2024, 7pm**

**Nebraska Room - Sandhills Global Event Center**

**4100 N. 84th Street, Lincoln NE 68507**

**President Ronnau called the monthly meeting** of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society board to order at 7:24pm.

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

**Lancaster Ag Society Board members attending** in person were Hagan, Dowding, Ronnau, Suing, Rutt, Cooper, Hardesty, Sump, and Cusick-Rawlinson. SGEK employees attending in person were N. Dowding, Juengel, Bohaty, Bowen, Roeber, Rief, and Nathan. Also attending in person was LCAS General Counsel, Gene Summerlin.

**Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the November meeting were presented for approval. Sump made a motion to approve the minutes; Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 9-0.

**Officer Reports** - Ronnau thanked the SGEC staff members for their support while meeting with John Kaiser. Ronnau said that the team feels that they are on a good path moving forward with rodeo planning. Kaiser will continue meeting with the NHSFR people to build up to the 2026 Rodeo at the Sandhills Global Event Center.

Ronnau thanked the staff for the hard work done to prepare and run the Blue Jean Gala. Board members voiced that the facility looked beautiful and that the evening moved along well. Ronnau discussed ideas to change the format of the Gala in 2025.

There were no other Officer reports.

**Committee Reports** - No committee reports were presented.

**Financial Report** - Bohaty asked that the November financials be tabled until next month.

Information regarding the December checks was presented and discussed. Cooper made a motion to approve the December checks totaling \$1,198,853.81; Suing seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed 9-0.

**Extension Update** - No members of Extension were present. Ronnau reported that extension was keeping busy preparing for several of their upcoming events.

**Communication from the public** - There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Nebraska Association of Fair Managers (NAFM) Conference attendance** was discussed. It was decided that Sump would go to this conference on behalf of the board. Nathan and Juengel will also attend. Ronnau encouraged additional staff to attend the January 24-26, 2025 event.

**2025 Fair Update** - N. Dowding reports that the motorsports and bull riding contracts are coming in.

Ronnau asked for progress in talking to draft horse teams about attending the fair in 2025. Juengel said that had moved to the back burner, but she would pick back up on reaching out.


**Operations Report** - N. Dowding stated that the Ag Expo is coming up and preparations for a smooth event are underway. Ronnau explained this event will be all-hands-on-deck with extra support needed and encouraged all board members to attend and support the team in areas that need help.

**Managing Director Report** - Bohaty thanked N. Dowding for his help handling the construction projects over recent weeks. Future construction project plans were discussed.

**Other Business** - Dowding stated that he had recently received a compliment from an event attendee about how nicely the facility was being maintained and thanked the staff for keeping the facility looking nice.

**Adjournment** - Dowding moved to adjourn the meeting. Suing seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

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

President Kendra Ronnau  \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary John Cooper  \_\_\_\_\_