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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*

MINUTES

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Ag Society Hall - Sandhills Global Event Center
4100 N. 84th Street, Lincoln NE 68507
Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 7:00 pm

President Ronnau called the monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society board to order at 7:01pm.

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 Sump, Hagan, Dowding, Suing, Rutt, and Ronnau. Arriving later were Hardesty and Cusick-Rawlinson. SGEC staff attending in person included Orton, Juengel, N. Dowding, Bohaty, Roeber, Bowen, and Rief. Also attending on behalf of BMG CPAs was Hopping.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the March meeting were presented for approval. Hagan made a motion to approve the minutes; Sump seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Suing abstained. The motion passed 6-0.

Financial Report - Hopping presented information regarding the March financials and explained the changes from the previous year. Ronnau asked for questions. There were none.

7:15pm Cusick-Rawlinson arrived

Hopping reviewed the information related to the accounts receivable and accounts payable. There were a couple of questions asked for clarification. Hopping provided answers to the questions. Hagan made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Dowding seconded the motion. Ronnau asked if there were any questions. There were none. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.

7:18pm Hardesty arrived

Hopping presented information regarding the March checks to be paid totaling \$327,764.58. Ronnau asked if there were any questions; no questions were asked. Cusick-Rawlinson made a motion to approve the March checks. Suing seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed 8-0.

Sump made a motion to skip the Nebraska Extension report until a member of the Extension team arrived. Rutt seconded the motion. Ronnau asked for discussion, there was none. Motion passed without objection.

Officer Reports - Ronnau reported that the recent AQHA show sold out of stalls. Ronnau said the exhibitors were excited about the new stalls and fans. Ronnau conveyed that the public is showing a great deal of excitement for upcoming shows. There were no additional officer reports.

Committee Reports - Bohaty and Hagan reported that Kaiser has accepted a new full-time position but has stated that he plans to continue his work with SGEC on the Rodeo team for 2026.

Cusick-Rawlinson said that Give to Lincoln Day is coming up soon; she will provide a report with additional information on this donation event at the May meeting. Cusick-Rawlinson asked that the board consideration of funds from the Lincoln Community Foundation Endowment be added to the next meeting.

7:26pm Wobig arrived, joining virtually.

Extension update - Wobig reported that embryology is winding down and County Extension is gearing up for summer activities and the fair. Wobig shared that the fair book looks great and is now being disbursed to exhibitors and members of the public.

Ronnau spoke with Wobig about previous discussions with the extension team regarding plans for stalling horses at the 2025 Super Fair. Wobig said that she will follow up with Pulek

on this. Ronnau also asked Wobig about a pay request that was received by SGEC. Ronnau asked Wobig to confirm this request has been handled.

Communication from the public - There were no public were in attendance.

2025 Super Fair Update - Juengel provided a review of the attraction zone and outdoor events for the 2025 Super Fair. Juengel shared that the Fire Marshall has approved the layout for the Attraction Zone so work will move forward on the planned set up. Bohaty stated that Juengel has done a lot of work and a great job on this plan. Juengel reviewed the safety precautions that have been included in the layout.

Juengel also provided a review of the FR8Star pavilion attractions. Juengel shared information on the layout for this pavilion. Bohaty talked about the facility updates currently underway in Fr8Star and how they will lead to improved services at the fair.

Juengel shared information about the updates to the Super Fair website and its ease of use.

Operations Report - N. Dowding provided a review of current construction projects and their effects on upcoming shows. N. Dowding reports that footings have been poured for the office expansion and construction is on track to pour the pad next week, with framing starting soon after. N. Dowding said that the goal is to have the building done by 7/1/25.

Bohaty reports having met with LPD about the area they will occupy in the new office.

N. Dowding said that work will begin on the dump station and sewer in May.

N. Dowding shared that the playground is progressing with plans to be completed in the next week.

Managing Director Report - Bohaty talked about a Game and Parks grant that opens on May 1. Bohaty reports applying for this grant for possible funding support to help build a bath house.

Bohaty also reported information on a Google grant that the team is still working through the rules and requirements.

Bohaty spoke about the district 1 Meeting and the ideas that he found from speaking with other fair management.

Bohaty shared information from the NHSFR meeting. Bohaty felt this was a positive contact with discussions about the construction schedule and a tour of the facility. Bohaty reports that plans are being made to attend the rodeo in Rock Springs in July with a booth in the arena to share promotional information about the 2026 NHSFR in Lincoln. Bohaty

says that a plan has been submitted for a tourism grant. Ronnau expanded on updates that are underway to help improve services when the Rodeo comes in 2026.

Other Business - Ronnau asked everyone to review the list of upcoming events on the agenda. Ronnau asked staff if there were any upcoming events where they would need support or extra hands. There was brief discussion around the upcoming events.

Ronnau asked staff for an update on the John Cook Event. Bohaty said there were approximately 800 attendees, and the promoters are saying they would like to repeat the event next year.

Orton stated that she is working on cold contacts for Fair Sponsors and continues to look for more. Cusick-Rawlinson asked if they have had contact with the Businesses that attend the Chamber of Commerce or LIBA events and suggested that as a place to start. Orton asked board members to send any sponsorship ideas they have to her.

Hagan made a motion to **adjourn the meeting**; Suing seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this _____ day
of _____, 2025. Submitted by the LANCASTER COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

President Kendra Ronnau _____

Secretary John Cooper _____