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
Sandhills Global Event Center Conference Room
4100 N. 84th Street, Lincoln NE 68507
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Suing made a motion to appoint Cooper as chairperson to lead this meeting. Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 5/0.

Cooper called the Monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society board to order at 7:02pm.

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, Suing, Cooper, Sump, and Rutt; Hardesty attended virtually. SGEC staff attending in person included Bohaty, Roeber, Bowen, Rief, and N. Dowding. Hopping was present in person on behalf of BMG CPAs and County Commissioner Johnson also attended in person. Wobig attended virtually for Lancaster County Extension.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the October meeting were presented for approval. Rutt made a motion to approve the minutes; Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Cooper and Sump abstained from voting. The motion passed 3-0.

Financial Report - Hopping reviewed the financial information presented for October. Cooper asked a question about insurance payments and where they are reflected on the balance sheet. No additional questions were asked. Sump made a motion to accept the

financials as presented. Suing seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 5-0.

Hopping presented the information about the checks written in October. Cooper asked for questions. There were no questions asked. Suing moved to approve the October checks totaling $278,684.11. Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 5-0.

Extension update – Wobig was present on behalf of Lancaster County Extension. Wobig asked if all board members currently received the Nebline. Wobig explained there were paper and online versions. Several asked to be added to the publications online mailing list. Wobig discussed upcoming collaboration between Nebraska Extension and UNMC to utilize extension personnel to provide locations and information relating to cancer prevention and screenings in smaller Nebraska Counties. Wobig talked about upcoming 4-H board openings and the process to replace them.

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

Officer Reports - No officer reports were presented.

Committee Reports – Bohaty shared information regarding the 2026 NHSFR update. Bohaty said that the team had been talking with Kaiser regarding his involvement in the NHSFR Trade Show. Bohaty and Hagan recommend they meet with Kaiser to determine Kaiser's roll going forward and a new agreement should be created. There was discussion around this plan. All agree Kaiser should be present for the Rodeo but don't see a need to continue with his support at the same level going forward.

Bohaty also reported that staff are working on setting up stalls to repair and evaluate the need for repairs. Bohaty also said that work has begun on footing material and panels in preparation for the 2026 NHSFR.

Operations Report - N. Dowding provided a construction update regarding the sewer. N. Dowding said that work is moving ahead on track with a revised schedule. N. Dowding reports that a new crew has been brought in and that work is moving ahead much smoother. N. Dowding said that the crew had been given dates that they must be off the grounds and not working until after the Ag Expo. N. Dowding said that he expects it will be another 2 months before the new sewer will be hooked up and working.

N. Dowding also reports that new concrete has been poured to help with parking lot drainage, the dump station at gate 4 has been prepped with driveway grading being completed, and the new AC Units won't be fired up until spring which will delay the start of the warranty on them to cover the months that they will be needed and running.
N. Dowding stated that staff are busy setting up for November shows including the Ag Expo, Turkey Chase, and Christmas Market among many others.

Confirm final candidates for Ag Society Board election – On behalf of the nominating committee, Sump and Hagan confirmed that candidate bios and pictures have been received. Bohaty said that no additional candidates have come forward to run at this time.

Cooper reminded everyone of the upcoming Ag Society Election and Annual Meeting on December 2, 2025.

Managing Director Report – Bohaty talked about the current employee credit card system and said that SGEC will be changing to another system that works well with QuickBooks. Bohaty reports that BMG CPAs has researched this system and has QuickBooks connected to it and ready to use.

Cooper asked the board to review and approve the 2026 Ag Society Monthly Board Meeting Dates. The proposed dates are:

January 15, 2026	July 16, 2026
February 19, 2026	August 20, 2026
March 19, 2026	September 17, 2026
April 16, 2026	October 15, 2026
May 21, 2026	November 19, 2026
June 18, 2026	December 01, 2026

No changes to the proposed dates were suggested. Hagan made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 LCAS monthly board meeting dates. Rutt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Other Business - Bohaty asked Johnson if she had any comments or ideas to share and thanked her for attending. Bohaty asked Johnson to thank the county board for their support.

Hagan made a motion to go into an executive session; Suing seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0. Entered executive session at 09:03pm.

Sump made a motion to exit the executive session and Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 5-0. The executive session was exited at 10:03pm.

Suing made a motion to authorize the executive board to make final approval on the employee handbook pending any final changes by staff; Sump seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

The upcoming events were reviewed. Bohaty said that staff were preparing for these events and no additional need for support was anticipated.

Hagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sump seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06pm.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 2 day of December, 2025. Submitted by the LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

1st Signature _____

2nd Signature _____