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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
Sandhills Global Event Center Conference Room
4100 N. 84th Street, Lincoln NE 68507
Thursday, March 19, 2026

President Ronnau 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 Ronnau, Sump, Suing, Cooper, Rutt, Dowding, Hagan. Arriving later was Cusick-Rawlinson and Hardesty. SGEC staff attending in person included Bohaty, Bowen, N. Dowding, Orton. Also attending Hopping on behalf of BMG Accounting. Karen Wobig attended virtually on behalf of Lancaster County Extension.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the February meeting were presented for approval. Sump made a motion to amend the minutes with requested corrections; Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 7-0.

7:09pm Cusick-Rawlinson arrived.

Financial Report – Hopping reviewed the financial information for January. Ronnau asked for questions; there were none. Cooper made a motion to accept the January financials as presented. Cusick-Rawlinson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 8/0.

Hopping reviewed the financials for February and discussed the comparisons to 2025. Ronnau asked a few questions related to tracking of expenses and Hopping answered. Ronnau asked if there were additional questions. Cusick-Rawlinson asked a few questions about the accounts payable information. Hopping explained the entries. Ronnau asked again if there were questions; there were none. Sump made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Dowding seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 8/0.

Hopping presented the information related to the March checks. Ronnau asked for questions; there were no questions asked. Suing made a motion to approve the March 2026 checks totaling $311,230.32. Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 8/0.

Extension update – Wobig was in attendance virtually on behalf of county extension. Wobig says that she has received an update about the fair book and it is 99% finalized and will be ready for proofing tomorrow with mailing goal of April 13. Wobig stated that there is a mobile friendly online version of the fair book as well this year.

Wobig shared that an extension board member is asking if senators could be involved in a forum to talk about things going on during the fair. There was discussion about what is currently being done and any changes that could be made.

Wobig said that extension is working to provide support where possible relating to the wildfires across Nebraska.

Bohaty thanked Wobig for the time that her team spent working with the SGEC staff on the fair book.

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

Officer Reports – Ronnau shared that there are a lot of events coming up in the next month. Ronnau stated that she is proud of the staff that are working hard to keep everything rolling smoothly. Ronnau says the horse shows are starting again and spring is just around the corner.

Rutt shared she will be out of town for the next board meeting. Dowding stated he will also be absent at the next meeting.

There were no other officer reports

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

NHSFR Update - Bohaty reports that the meeting with Rodeo staff went well and questions were clarified. N. Dowding reports that they have been pursuing information on tent options to cover stalls. Bohaty reported information regarding cost on tent options.

Bohaty says new software for ticketing and vendors is being explored. Bohaty shared that part of the outdoor arena is now up and the footing material is put in place. Cusick-Rawlinson asked about volunteer supports for the Rodeo. Orton talked about how this will look at the upcoming Rodeo. Ronnau asked questions about garbage pick up and trash service during the rodeo and the team discussed the details.

LCAS Representative for District 1 - Bohaty will attend the event this year.

Annual Facility Insurance Renewal Update - Bohaty talked about the information from UNICO Insurance on the SGEC facility policy. Bohaty said that UNICO has done a great job working to get good pricing for the new policy.

Operations Report - N. Dowding provided an update on the sewer construction project. N. Dowding reports that concrete and culvert work is underway. N. Dowding said that asphalt repairs, painting, and drywall work are also almost complete.

8:22pm Hardesty arrives.

Managing Director report - Bohaty shared information about the fair map. Bohaty talked about keeping the air conditioners on in the Currency pavilion during fair. Bohaty talked about the use of wristbands at the fair to allow 4Hers to get into other areas at no cost. Gate 4 will be for 4H and lead to 4H parking lot. The wristband will get you in through the gate. Bohaty reviewed layout changes. Cooper asked questions about the RibFest. Bohaty talked about repairs being made to the toilet trailer and that shower trailers are on their way.

Other Business – Executive Session – 9:20pm Cooper made a motion to enter into executive session. Cusick-Rawlinson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 9/0.

10:40pm Cusick-Rawlinson made a motion to exit executive session. Hardesty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 9/0.

Cusick-Rawlinson made a motion to approve the Critical Leave Sharing Policy, subject to (1) a revision that the managing director's approval of donations is subject to approval by the Ag Board Officers, and (2) a review of the revision by the Ag Society legal team. After discussion regarding the revision, Hardesty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4/3, with two abstentions.

Suing made a motion to **adjourn the meeting**; Cusick-Rawlinson seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 11: 03pm.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 23rd day of April, 2026. Submitted by the LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

President Kendra Ronnau Kendra M. Ronnau

2nd Signature