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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, April 23, 2026

President Ronnau called the monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society board to order at 7:04pm.

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 Sump, Hardesty, Ronnau, Cooper, and Suing. Arriving later was Cusick-Rawlinson. SGEC staff attending in person included Bowen, N. Dowding, Juengel, Skillett, and Bohaty. Also attending in person was Hopping representing BMG accounting and Wobig on behalf of Lancaster County Extension.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the March meeting were presented for approval. Suing made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Sump seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 5-0.

7:06pm Cusick-Rawlinson arrived.

Financial Report – Hopping reviewed the financial information for March. Ronnau asked questions about the vendor payments. Hopping explained the entries. Cusick-Rawlinson made a motion to accept the March financials as presented. Sump seconded the motion. A

roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 6/0. Hopping also reviewed the YTD accounting information.. Ronnau asked for questions; there were none.

April checks totaling $388,746.49 were presented for approval. Ronnau asked for questions; there were no questions. Cusick-Rawlinson made a motion to approve the April checks. Hardesty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6/0.

Extension update – Wobig was in attendance on behalf of county extension. Wobig asked the board if their fair books have been received. Wobig said they are pleased with how nice the books look. Wobig shared that the extension nutrition people are working to encourage those who garden to bring their extra food to the extension office and they will disperse through the food donation center. Wobig also stated that clover college is coming up soon. Suing stated he will be doing the rocket making course again this year.

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

Officer Reports – Ronnau shared that the car show was a big success. Bohaty talked about the car show and said that staff also felt that it was a successful event. Suing talked about the good feedback he had from attendees.

Ronnau stated that the horse shows have been well attended this year.

Ronnau told staff they have been doing a great job and to continue taking each event as they come and have another successful year.

There were no other officer reports.

Committee Reports – **NHSFR Update** - Skillett reports that the outdoor arena fencing will be underway in the next few weeks and that roofing on the outdoor stalls will also be underway soon. Bohaty said that training with the Emergency Management staff has been underway and the team has been working on acquiring security bids.

2026 Fair Update - Juengel shared that indoor vendors spots are filling quickly for the first 4 days of the fair. Juengel said that outdoor vendors are also coming in with many returning from last year. Juengel reported that entertainment bookings are also filling up and talked about a couple of upcoming new open livestock shows that are going to be coming as well.

Juengel asked questions about food vouchers for vendors and asked that an established count be determined.

Operations Report - N. Dowding provided a project update. N Dowding reported that the HVAC spring startup has been done and the systems are all working well.

N. Dowding says that the sewer project approval has been completed by the inspector and the switchover is scheduled for the first week in June.

N. Dowding said that the restroom trailer updates will be completed in the next few weeks.

Managing Director report - Bohaty reported staff are coordinating a new pricing structure for camping, food, and events.

Bohaty shared that a new full-time event coordinator has been hired.

Bohaty talked about receiving a LIBA Champion award; he said he was very humbled by the recognition.

Bohaty explained that the team is trying out a new food truck in the SGEC parking lot for various events and are looking to do a food truck event in the near future.

Bohaty discussed shower trailers; saying that SGEC has purchased one but another one is still needed. N. Dowding shared information about the cost of rental vs. purchase of shower trailers. Bohaty is going to work to find another shower trailer to purchase as that will provide a long-term solution at one cost.

Other Business – There was discussion around upcoming events and if staff would need any help with any of them.

Suing made a motion to **adjourn the meeting**; Hardesty seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 09: 07pm.

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

President Kendra Ronnau _____

2nd Signature _____