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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, May 21, 2026

President Ronnau called the monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society board to order at 7:00pm.

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 Dowding, Ronnau, Cooper, Hardesty, Sump. Arriving later was Cusick-Rawlinson. SGEC staff attending in person included Bohaty, Bowen, Pickrel-Smith, Juengel, Orton, and N. Dowding. Also attending Hopping on behalf of BMG Accounting. Tracey Anderson attended on behalf of Lancaster County Extension.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the April meeting were presented for approval. Sump made a motion to amend the minutes with requested corrections; Cooper seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0 and Dowding abstained.

Financial Report – Hopping reviewed the financial information for April. Ronnau asked for questions; there were none. Cooper made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Sump seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5/0.

7:17 Cusick-Rawlinson arrived.

Hopping presented the information related to the May checks. Ronnau asked for questions. There were a couple questions about payments to be made. Bohaty and Hopping explained who the vendors were and their roles. No additional questions were asked. Dowding made a motion to approve the May 2026 checks totaling $388,639.38; Cooper seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6/0.

Extension update – Anderson was in attendance on behalf of Lancaster County Extension. Anderson shared information about programming. Anderson said that embryology has finished and they served approximately 4000 children. Anderson shared that they are also working on food loss and waste programming at several grade schools. Anderson also said that they are hiring interns to help at the YMCA for stem programming.

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

Event Pricing Presentation - Pickrel-Smith reviewed annual operating costs for the facility and explained how she calculated current room rental rates. Pickrel-Smith reviewed the new pricing rates and service packages. Pickrel-Smith said the new pricing will be implemented by Sept. 1.

Officer Reports – Ronnau shared that Wilma Knipplemeyer recently passed away.

There were no other officer reports

Committee Reports – Bohaty and Juengel presented the NHSFR updates. Ronnau asked how staff would like to have board members representing during the rodeo. Juengel shared that the Queen liaison and queen's location have been determined for the Rodeo. Bohaty stated that the daily communications are going well with staff and rodeo representatives. Ronnau thanked staff for their hard work to keep moving forward getting ready for this event.

Orton shared information about Give to Lincoln Day and the Lincoln Community Foundation Endowment. Orton said that promotions are already underway and that donations would be accepted through the 29th.

2026 County Fair Update - Juengel said that the Budweiser Clydesdales will be coming with an 8-horse hitch for the first day of the fair.

Juengel talked about the wristbands explaining that they are in. Juengel said she tested one by wearing it for 10 days with no problems.

Orton reported that there were 19 new sponsors for the Super Fair.

Juengel said that they are up to 60 Indoor vendors for first 4 days of the fair.

There was discussion regarding a **date change for December Annual and Monthly Board Meetings** including annual board election due to community conflicts. Hardesty made a motion

to move these meetings from Thursday December 17, 2026 to Tuesday December 1, 2026; Cusick-Rawlinson seconded the motion. Ronnau asked for questions but there were none. The motion passed without objection.

Operations Report – N. Dowding reported all sewer and dump station systems were approved and work is underway to have the shower trailers hooked up and ready to go for the Rodeo. N. Dowding said that doors are being painted and the AC Units are now working. Bohaty said that N. Dowding has been proactive about getting all the work on the grounds completed.

Managing Director Report – Bohaty talked about the upcoming American Flag Show. Bohaty said that there are sky divers, a drone show, singers, food vendors, and more planned for this event.

Bohaty shared that he had been voted onto the LIBA board. Bohaty stated that he is honored and excited about this opportunity.

Other Business – The upcoming events for the next month were reviewed.

Dowding made a motion to **adjourn the meeting**; Cooper seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 09:29pm.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 18th day of June, 2026. Submitted by the LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

President Kendra Ronnau Kendra M. Ronnau

Secretary John Cooper