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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
Tuesday, July 07, 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, Rutt, Hagan, and Suing. Arriving later was Cusick-Rawlinson. SGEC staff attending in person included Bohaty, Bowen, Pickrel-Smith, Juengel, and N. Dowding. Karen Wobig attended virtually on behalf of Lancaster County Extension.

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

7:05pm Cusick-Rawlinson arrived.

Financial Report – Bohaty reviewed the June financials provided for informational purposes only. Ronnau asked for questions; there were none

Bohaty presented the information related to the June checks. Ronnau asked for questions; there were none. Cusick-Rawlinson made a motion to approve the June 2026 checks totaling $650,211.27; Cooper seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 8/0.

Extension update – Wobig attended virtually on behalf of Lancaster County Extension. Wobig asked questions about the fair entry process relating to the wristband use plan. This was discussed in detail and Bohaty encouraged Wobig to have her staff reach out with any questions. Hardesty asked that we instruct other gate monitors to send 4H people to gate 4 for faster entry.

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

Officer Reports – Ronnau thanked the staff for all their hard work and encouraged everyone to take a deep breath and know that we are all trying to work toward the same successful result of a good Rodeo and Fair. Rutt encouraged the board members to volunteer as much as possible at both events. There was discussion about which shirts to wear for staff and volunteers during the Rodeo as well as discussion about procedures for parking the campers and trailers.

There were no other officer reports

Committee Reports –Pickrel-Smith gave a volunteer preparation update and said she is looking for more help with ticketing and scanners for the morning performances. Pickrel-Smith said that staff will need additional camping help during check in days to direct people to camp sites and help in the campgrounds supporting exhibitors to park at the correct angle.

Bohaty reports that the portable stalls are up and staff is working on the roofs. Bohaty said the announcer stand add-on being rebuilt and the arenas are being finished. Bohaty also shared that the lines in parking lot getting re-striped and outdoor lighting is being delivered.

2026 County Fair Update - Juengel talked about the livestock payout plans.

Operations Report – N. Dowding reported that seeding and mat as well as fencing at Gate 4 are now finished. N. Dowding said that all fiber to the campground has also been completed and the team is now working on final clean-up tasks including spreading gravel on roads and repairing odds and ends.

Managing Director Report – Bohaty talked about the upcoming Rodeo and how the team has been collaborating to fill the gaps in coverage. Bohaty shared information about FoundationSearch to help support grant and funding searches.

Other Business – Juengel asked the board to fill out cards for Mikenna as shoutouts to café members.

Suing made a motion to **adjourn the meeting**; Cooper seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 08:01pm.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 20th day of August, 2026. Submitted by the LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

President Kendra Ronnau Kendra Ronnau

Secretary John Cooper