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LANCASTER COUNTY Super Fair JULY 29 - AUGUST 7, 2027

Lancaster County Agricultural Society

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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, October 15, 2026

President Ronnau called the monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society board to order at 7:01pm.

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, Suing, Sump, and Cusick-Rawlinson. SGEC staff attending in person included Bohaty, Bowen, Pickrel-Smith, Theesen, and Juengel. Hopping attended on behalf of BMG. Tonight was the Equine Program awards night, so no attendees were present on behalf of Lancaster County Extension.

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

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

Financial Report – Hopping reviewed the information presented on the September financials and asked for questions; there were none. Cusick-Rawlinson moved to accept the financials as presented; Cooper seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

The September checks totaling $573,046.12 were reviewed by Hopping. Ronnau asked if there were any questions; there were none. Suing moved to approve the September checks as presented; Dowding seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

Officer Reports – Ronnau thanked Cooper for attending the better fair meeting. Cooper said that it was a productive meeting and that both County Extension and the Ag Society appreciated the feedback provided.

There were no other officer reports

Committee Reports – There was brief discussion about the layout of the Committee Reports on the agenda with formatting preferences noted for future agendas.

2026 Blue Jean Gala – Juengel shared that AkSarBen doesn't do Farm Family tracking and recognition anymore. Juengel reached out to the State Fair and Nebraska Farm Bureau and neither have families for 2026 in Lancaster County. Juengel reported that Farm Bureau is going to be doing the tracking from now on so she will contact them in the future to confirm applicants.

Juengel talked about collecting Ag Society Hall of Fame nominations for 2026. Juengel reminded everyone that they are due by the October board meeting. A few names were discussed with additional instructions to make all final nominations by the deadline.

Appointment of Annual Board Election Nominating Committee – Cusick-Rawlinson made a motion to appoint Ronnau, Rutt, Suing to the LCAS board member nominating committee. Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed without objection.

Operations and Managing Director Report – Bohaty shared Hampton Construction updates. Bohaty said that conversations have been underway with Hampton about items that need repaired and completed. There was discussion around what might need added to the list and additional thoughts about when they might be completed.

Other Business – Staff reviewed the new events documents and discussed updates and streamlining that could be done to make things easier for event staff when setting up and managing events.

Bohaty talked about the current meeting center layout and the possibility of adding ticket windows to this area.

Cooper made a motion to **adjourn the meeting**; Suing seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 08:24pm.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as set forth herein on this 19th day of November, 2026. Submitted by the LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

President Kendra Ronnau

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Secretary John Cooper