

YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of January 17, 2023

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the York County Extension Office for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting notice was published publicly on or before January 10, 2023 at the York County Extension Office, York County Court House, York State Bank (York Main Office), Cornerstone Bank (Waco Branch) and the York County Fair Website.

Ten (10) Directors were present; Ditloff, Gloystein, Heine, Heskett, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Rathjen, Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek who arrived at 8:05 p.m. Five (5) Directors were absent; Cast, Chrisman, Jackson, Johnson and Quiring.

There were no Guests present

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Secretary Ziemke announced to all those in attendance that the Open Meeting Act has been placed on the meeting table for one and all to examine.

Additional items to be added to the agenda: AED unit and Coleen Brozek is needing a helper, both to be placed under the Building Committee Report.

Minutes of the November 15, 2022 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

The Board reviewed the November and December 2022 Financial Reports with discussions on what items are associated with the Lincoln Creek Electric billings; the bill for \$2,088.53 is for repairs to get the parking lot lighting working for Fair, additional lighting at the Horse Arena and other items on and with buildings before Fair; the bill for \$474.50 was to update the old Sand Arena lighting to LED lighting. Motion #1 was duly made by Ziegler to approve the November 15, 2022 minutes and the November and December 2022 Financial Reports. Seconded by Heine. No further discussion. Nine (9) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #1 carried.

Laurie Linabery has joined the York County Extension staff as their new secretary.

Under Old Business:

Memorial Donations and Grant money at present date: Gene Bergen \$3,011.00; Lou Bergen \$1,100.00; Dale Moore \$2,800.00; Richard Hankel \$800.00; Charles Kaliff \$3,050.00; Dan Barrett \$25.00; Dale Olson \$1785.00; Heine donation for Antique Tractor Barn \$100.00; High Lopers donation \$2,300.00 and DuPont grant \$5,000.00.

Return of Fairgrounds keys: Still waiting for return of keys from the Bergen family.

Under the Building Committee Report:

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center Audio & Video Project – Ziegler and Ziemke relocated the winch for the decoration ring. Ziegler lined up the use of Troy Ellison's scissor lift for relocating the winch and installing the projector and screen. The screen and outside monitor brackets are currently installed and the electricians have been contacted on where power needs to be

located for the multimedia project. Striv will possibly be back to work on the system the week of January 23, 2023. We still have \$6,500.00 from the Visitors Committee coming for use towards the system. Troy is donating the scissor lift for the installation of the system. Motion #2 was duly made by Ziegler to give Troy and his family a 50% deduction on the rental rate of the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center for his two daughters' weddings for exchange of the use of the lift. Seconded by Hoffman. No further discussion. Nine (9) votes for, zero (0) votes against. Motion #2 carried.

Crow's Nest – Lincoln Creek Electric will be getting back to Ziegler with a bid to move the electric service and power to the Horse Arena lights. We do have insurance money from the storm damage on the Crow's Nest roof to use towards replacing the roof. The plan is to pour concrete in March for the Crow's Nest new location, south and east of where it stands now. The project may cause some mess for the 4th of July Celebration.

The furnace on the North end of the 4H Building has been freezing up. Mike Wright replumbed the water drain with more slope and it seems to have solved the issue.

Coleen Brozek is going to be having some cataract surgery in the near future and she is also having some shoulder issues. She is asking if there is a possibility of hiring a part time custodian to help her with the building cleaning. Ziegler has someone in mind and wants to discuss the idea with Mike Write. This person may also be able to help Mike and Dave when a third person is needed for projects.

AED Units – Heine has been doing the research on AED Units for the board. It would be nice to have two units to start with, one in the 4H Building and one in the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center. The units cost approximately \$2,400.00. They have a 4-year battery life, cost of batteries was unknown at the time, and an 8 to 10-year unit replacement. It is recommended that they be connected to the Police and Hospital if there is an internet connection nearby. An additional service plan for each units runs \$195.00 per year. The company that Heine contacted is AED Authority out of Iowa. We should check with NIRMA to see if they have any Grants that are focused toward AED purchases. It was discussed that we should have a refresher course in CPR for all the Directors, Superintendents and Extension Staff. It was also mentioned that we should have the Opioid Reversal drug, Naloxone, on the grounds.

Sheep and Goat Wash area – Would it be possible to have a separate sheep and goat wash area between the Cornerstone Building and the swine barn? We can weld some loops on the swine fence adjacent to the swine wash rack so that the animal's halters can be tied to the fence to avoid the halters from sliding back and forth.

We need to keep looking at adding new electrical along with interior and exterior LED lighting in the Sheep, Goat and Small Animal Barn.

York County Fair Foundation

The Foundation is almost ready to go. It has been published in the York News Times. We will need to have the first meeting soon. How many meetings will we have per year? We will need to open a Bank account along with deciding who should sign on the account.

Ideas for a York County Fair Banquet Fund Raiser:

- Purchase individual tickets for \$???.?? each
- Sponsor/purchase an entire table for \$????.??
- Entertainment

- Prime rib meal
- Video production playing over the projector
- Grains can be used for donations – need to contact Aurora Cooperative, Central Valley Ag, Poet, Green Plains York & Central City

150th York County Fair Celebration

- It would be a great time to kick off the York County Fair Foundation.
 - We need to personally man a booth in the Mercantile Building
 - Possibly soft serve ice cream in the booth
- Current Committee members working on projects for the celebration are Brad Gloystein, Nancy Heine, Gary Zoubek and Nancy Beach.
- Should we have a symbol, emblem or logo associated with the celebration?
- Ideas for the celebration:
 - Corn art
 - Tall corn contest – 4H, FFA and open class
 - Different classes pertaining to the 150th
 - Old time games – three-legged race, sack races, stick and hoop
 - Ice cream social – possibly after the steak feed & before the tent activities
 - UNL special flavor?
 - Sweet corn feed – possibly utilize Centennial FFA?
 - The Historical Society may be interested in having a Mercantile Building booth
- We need to ask for copies of old pictures pertaining to the Fair
 - We could place the copies of the pictures in the Fair Office (Old School Building) or should we place the pictures in the Foundation booth in the Mercantile Building?
- Zoubek says the Extension Office has a “History of 4H” up to 1959 (needs to be updated to 2023) plus slides that could be utilized.
- We need to use Facebook to put out feelers for old Fair photos.

Zoubek announced that Jenny Rees was nominated “Home Town Hero” tonight at the Chamber Banquet. Congratulations Jenny!

2023 Fair Plans (August 3 – 6, 2023) All American Fun

- Gloystein will contact Todd from the Mutton Bustin organization at the NAFM Convention.
- Heine will contact V2 Graphics to see if we can get proposals for the 2023 Fair.
- Figure 8 & Demo Derby – Rathjen has been in contact with Rob Baker and all is moving along.
- Tent Committee
 - Friday night under the tent - Pioneer Band from the Pender Hooper area. They are a younger band just out of college. \$4,000.00 for 4 hours.
- Jordan Schoch now has a full band, Saturday night?
- Moore Brothers during the BBQ?
- Polka Band?
- String Beans are signed up for Saturday morning.
- Possible hayrack rides with horses or tractor? Possible contact would be Richard Burhoop.
- Still working on the logo for the Fair.
- Waffleman is signed up for Saturday with the proceeds going to the 4H Council.

Approve 2023 Contractors and Vendors

Motion #3 duly made by Heskett to approve the following contractors and vendors associated with the York County Fair:

- Lincoln Creek Electric
- Ron & Jerry's Plumbing & Heating
- Pieper Plumbing & Well Drilling
- Pieper's, Inc.
- J & R Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.
- McCormick's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
- Troy Ellison, T & D Construction
- Critel Enterprises, LLC
- Nebraska Fire Sprinkler
- Big Red Communications, LLC
- Protex Central, Inc.
- JLMREM, LLC, DBA Matlock Repair
- Wallingford Sign Company
- Mattice Lock and Safe
- Striv AV
- Mike Wright

Motion seconded by Hoffschneider. No further discussion. Ten (10) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #3 carried.

NAFM Convention

What are we looking for? Anything that may stand out as new and exciting that would entertain all those attending the York County Fair.

IAFE Zone 5 Conference

Will be held March 3 – 5, 2023 in Springfield, Illinois. Is anyone interested in attending? The Nebraska State Fair is sponsoring a bus that will be stopping at the Petro Truck Stop South of York if those attending want a ride, seating is limited so let Ziemke know as soon as possible so he can contact the Nebraska State Fair to get you on board.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Douglas Ziemke

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Secretary