

YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of March 21, 2023

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday March 21, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in the York County Extension Office for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting notice was published publicly on or before March 14, 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; Chrisman, Ditloff, Gloystein, Heskett, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Rathjen, Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek. Five (5) Directors were absent; Cast, Heine, Jackson, Johnson and Quiring.

Guests present: Justin Otte from Henderson State Bank and UNL Extension York County Youth Educator Tanya Crawford (arriving at 8:35 p.m).

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 8:01 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.

Items to be added to the agenda: Justin Otte from the Henderson State Bank

Minutes of the February 21, 2023 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

The Board reviewed the February 2023 Financial Reports with discussions on: Professional Services spreadsheet column, it deals mainly with accountant and attorney fees; Show Works Fair program. Motion #1 was duly made by Ziegler to approve the February 21, 2023 minutes and the February 2023 Financial Reports. Seconded by Hoffman. No further discussion. Ten (10) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #1 Carried.

Justin Otte from the Henderson State Bank – Henderson State Bank would like to hold an Exhibitor breakfast Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings during the Fair between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors, immediate family member and parents would be supplied tickets for the breakfasts. Justin will work with the 4H office and Extension staff to work out the details.

Range Ranglers – One of the remaining members spoke with Heskett. They have sold their arena and if all their members agree to it they would like to make a donation to either a project on the grounds or to the York County Fair Foundation. They have also commissioned a \$6,000.00 bronze sculpture, approximately 18 inches by 24 inches, that they would like displayed either at the 4H Building or Extension Office.

Under Old Business

Memorial Donations and Grant money at present date: Heine donation for Antique Tractor Barn \$100.00; High Lopers donation \$2,300.00 and DuPont grant \$5,000.00.

All the Fair keys are now present and accounted for.

Under the Building Committee Report:

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center – The fire alarm Voice Panel warning signal has been activating. Ziemke contacted Protex Central for a service call to look into the issue. Protex Central confirmed what they found three years ago, that the board in the panel was bad and the panel needs to be replaced. Proposal cost for the panel and labor is \$4,039.28. Motion #2 was duly made by Hoffschneider to have the panel replaced. Seconded by Heskett. No further discussion. Ten (10) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #2 Carried.

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center Audio & Video Project – Heskett spoke with John Kaliff about utilizing his father's memorial money toward the screen and projector project. John was fine with the idea. We need to have a bronze memorial plaque made to recognize the donators for their wonderful monetary gifts toward the screen and projector project. Wallingford Signs has helped us with these types of plaques before.

Crow's Nest – Ziegler reported that we do not have the bid for the Crow's Nest yet. Ziegler said that he is going to meet with Mike Wright and discuss ideas on the Crow's Nest. We will need to pour a new concrete pad at the new location along moving the electrical. It will also need a new roof, windows and siding. We don't want Mike doing the roofing himself, that is a several man job due to the height of the building.

4H Building – Mike will finish painting the upper siding this spring. Mike will look at fixing the north HVAC unit outside drain when he works on the lower façade this summer. Next year we need to look into new chairs and tables. We will probably have to stay with the steel type due to our limited space in the chair closets. Ziemke has a proposal from J&R Heating and Air Conditioning to replace the old south HVAC exterior air conditioning unit and indoor coil that we continually have issues with. The proposal to replace with a 5 Ton 13.2 SEER is \$6,200.00. A 14.3 SEER would run \$6,700.00. We can try replacing the metering valve which may get us by for a little while but if the AC unit goes bad, we will have to purchase another new metering valve for a new unit. A metering valve costs \$800.00. Motion #3 was duly made by Ziegler to have J&R Heating and Air Conditioning replace the old unit with a 5 Ton 13.2 SEER for \$6,200.00. Seconded by Rathjen. No further discussion. Ten (10) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #3 carried.

Grille hood in the 4H Building – Needs to be cleaned before Fair. Gloystein is checking into cleaning services.

AED Units – No grant information as of tonight.

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center – Zoubek tightened the screws that hold the legs onto the round tables as many of the legs were loose.

Large Animal Scale – Ziemke reported that it is now working. Tanya Crawford ran the control panel up to Central City Scale to have them check it out. The control panel ended up being bad and was not repairable. Ziemke picked up a new panel on his way through Central City and ran it back to York and tried it out. New panel cost was \$1,195.00.

New Playground – York County commissioners have not voted on a grant from the Visitors Bureau, as the Bureau is asking that the project has at least \$15,000.00 raised through their projects or donations. There have been some questions from the public if it is an all-inclusive playground, which it is not at this time.

There are concerns about pickups and stock trailers being parked and driven on our new grass south of the Mercantile building during the York/Hamilton Cattlemen Beef Progress Show. We will fence off all the area south of the Mercantile Building to no parking.

Under Other Business:

The York Chamber of Commerce is asking if we can help them with the history of awarding Chamber money/Chamber Checks over the years. The information we have is that it was done in lieu of and to supplement premiums because York County Fair was not promoting a livestock auction while other surrounding Fairs were featuring livestock auctions. Chamber checks can only be spent with businesses that are Chamber members.

Coleen Brozek will be having shoulder surgery March 30th. Depending on how extensive the repairs she could be laid up for as little as three weeks or up to three-and-a-half months. We still need someone to help us with custodial work while she is recuperating. Gloystein and Ditloff both have some leads.

We will need to tear down the arena fence, remove the show arena floor and bleachers Tuesday evening March 28th.

NIRMA Insurance – Rathjen has submitted the paperwork to renew our policy. We have not visited the values of our buildings and their contents for quite some time. We need to double check with NIRMA to see if they pay on the values we have set or a depreciated value. Do we want a representative from NIRMA to come out and look over our property with us? Current values: Grandstand \$592,000.00; Cornerstone Ag & Event Center \$964,462.00 & contents \$49,240.00; 4H Building \$296,000.00 & contents \$45,000.00.

Championship Demo Derby – September 9, 2023 (Saturday of York Fest)

- Do we have the contract with Rob Baker?
- Rob suggests 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. for a start time and not an afternoon event.
- Heskett has sent Rob Baker a check to lock in the date and event.
- We are now listed on Rob's Demo Derby website but without a start time.
- Rob's fee is \$5,500.00 and he carries all the insurance for the event.
- Does his insurance cover spectators in the Grandstand and bleachers?
- We will need to get the Blue Knights for security.
- Yorkfest does not have any events scheduled for the evening of September 9th.

Waffle Man will be moving to the Church Kitchen this year. Is there enough electrical power for his waffle irons in the area?

There has been a request from the 4H Council that they are interested in doing a pancake and sausage event instead of the Waffle Man for the 2024 Fair. We will discuss it with the 4H Council this coming winter.

Comment about the Henderson State Bank Exhibitor Breakfast. Should they have different color tickets for each day's breakfast.

Naloxone (Narcan) Training – Tanya Crawford will contact us when it will be held.

After last year's incident, the 4H Council would like to have a security camera in the 4H Building,

they are willing make the purchase.

York County Fair Foundation

- See additional sheet pertaining to present and past donations and memorials.
- The Foundation Directors had a ZOOM meeting today with V2 Graphics about brochures and other advertising methods.
- V2 Graphics bid to work on advertising is \$269.00. See additional sheet.
- Hoffschneider has started getting the Foundation's website and the York County Fair's website working together.
- Should we turn the south half of the Fair Office into a gift shop/Fair Museum?
- Working on a logo specifically for the Foundation.
- Zoubek is working on different types of fund-raising events for the Foundation.
- We need to put together a wish list.
- The Fair Foundation will be holding it's next meeting on April 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the north meeting room of the York County Extension Office.
- Should we invite the press to the next Foundation meeting so we can start to get the word out about the Foundation?
- Our goal is to do projects on the Fairgrounds and not to subsidize the Fair.

150th York County Fair Celebration

Zoubek gave updates:

- Zoubek and the extension staff have updated several open classes.
- Nanch Beach has put out a post asking for old 4H and Fair pictures.
- Ice Cream from the University would cost \$72.00 per tub.
- We need to decide if we are doing ice cream for the celebration during the next meeting so Zoubek can let the University know to have it on hand.
- The Historical Society may have funds that could be used toward the 150th Celebration.

Fair Book Changes

- Monday and Tuesday evening check-ins for 4H, FFA and Open Class static exhibits.
- Bike Rodeo and Casting Contest will be held at the same time on Tuesday of the Fair.
- Tractor Driving – No competitors have done it for the last 3 years. The class will be removed of the Fair Book.
- Dairy goats will be the same as Dairy cows. They are allowed arrive the morning of their show and may return home after their show.
- The pen of three is "Market" only as of now. Can it just be a pen of three? Remove the word "Market".
- Adding a 4H Showmanship Class for York County Alumni. They may use an animal that is a 4H animal already on the grounds.
- There could also be a celebrity showmanship class if we would like to add it.
- Fitting Contest? Friday afternoon? Possibly just beef.
- Open class dog show – add the same classes as there are in 4H classes.
- Tee shirts will possibly be \$10.99 cost. Exhibitors tee shirts will be green for 2023.

Fair Books

How many should be printed this year? Last year there was 350 regular bound printed and 50 spiral bound printed. There will be more pages this year.

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

- Ranch Rodeo
 - Sectioned off for alcohol sales.
 - Alcohol will be served from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
 - Security Officers will be on the grounds but will not be checking I.D.s
 - Eagles will be serving the alcohol, obtaining the liquor license and checking I.D.s.
- Battery operated car racing – Ziegler is working to get the people who ran the racing venue during the NAFM Convention in Kearney.

2023 NAFM District 1 Spring Meeting

Seward County Fair Directors are holding the 2023 NAFM District 1 Spring Meeting on their Fairgrounds Sunday April 16, 2023, starting at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of their Harvest Hall. Anyone interested in attending please let Ziemke know by April 9th.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Douglas Ziemke

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Secretary