

YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

MINUTES of September 19, 2023 Budget Hearing & MINUTES of the September 19, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting

Budget Hearing

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., in the York County Extension Office for the Budget Hearing. The Meeting Notices were published September 12, 2023 in the York News Times and on or before September 12, 2023 in the York County Court House, York State Bank (Main bank location), Cornerstone Bank (Waco Branch) and the York County Extension Office.

Six (6) Directors were present; Chrisman, Gloystein, Heine, Jackson, Quiring and Ziemke. Seven (7) Directors were present via phone; Ditloff, Heskett, Hoffschneider, Holtmeier, Rathjen, Ziegler and Zoubek. Two (2) Directors were absent; Hoffman and Cast.

Guest: UNL York County Extension Educator Jenney Rees

President Gloystein called the Budget Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m.

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

At least three (3) copies of the proposed budget statement have been and still are available to the public.

Ziemke made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. Public comment ensued. All members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so.

Motion #1A was duly made by Heine and seconded by Chrisman to close the budget hearing. There was no further discussion. Thirteen (13) votes for (Ayes), Zero (0) votes against (Nays). Motion #1A Carried/Passed.

The Budget Hearing was closed at 8:19 p.m.

There being no further business, Motion #2A was duly made by Quiring and seconded by Heine to adjourn the Budget Hearing. There was no further discussion. Thirteen (13) votes for (Ayes), Zero (0) votes against (Nays). Motion #2A Carried/Passed.

Budget Hearing Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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The monthly meeting was called to order by President Gloystein at 8:24 p.m.

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

There were no additional items to be added to the agenda.

Minutes of the August 15, 2023 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections.

The Directors reviewed the August 2023 Financial Reports. Jenney Rees made copies of the Financial Reports for those who needed them. Discussion ensued on: NIRMA insurance coverage on damaged Fairground buildings; Demolition Derby payouts and profits; Expenses of Electricity \$1,215.33, Water/Sewer \$2,757.08, Lincoln Creek Electric \$6,436.85 and J&B Event Drapes \$1,858.00; York News Times (Lincoln Journal Star) \$1,902.04, Seward County Independent \$1,412.70 and V2 Graphics \$1,966.00 – where should we keep spending our advertising dollars to get the best value for our dollar? We are getting way more results from Facebook than newspapers. Motion #1B was duly made by Jackson to approve the minutes of August 15, 2023 and the August 2023 Financial Reports. Seconded by Heine. No further discussion. Thirteen (13) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #1B Carried/Passed.

Motion #2B was duly made by Ziemke to increase the total Restricted Funds Subject to Limitations by an additional 1%. Seconded by Rathjen. No further discussion. Thirteen (13) votes for, 0 (zero) votes against. Motion #2B Carried/Passed.

Motion #3B was duly made by Heine, that the Board approve the 2023-2024 Budget for the York County Agricultural Society as presented on the 2023-2024 State of Nebraska General Budget Form which was reviewed during the Budget Hearing. Motion was seconded by Chrisman. No further discussion. Thirteen (13) votes for, 0 (zero) votes against. Motion #3B Carried/Passed.

Motion #4B was duly made by Chrisman, that the Board elects to use the 2023-2024 Budget Document as our Audit Waiver. Motion was seconded by Quiring. No further discussion. Thirteen (13) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #4B Carried/Passed.

Under Old Business:

Memorial money to date: Heine donation for the Antique Tractor Barn \$100.00 and High Lopers donation \$2,300.

Building Committee Report:

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center – Fire Alarm Voice Evac control panel. It will be installed as soon as it becomes available.

Ticket Booth – Mike Wright has the insulation installed and the interior liner is nearly complete.

Crow's Nest & Horse Arena lighting – Ziegler is working with Nebraska Public Power District, who is planning a training exercise. NPPD will move the Horse Arena light poles to their new location as practice in their training.

Home Economics Building – We will address taking bids for a new air conditioning unit and installation of that unit this winter.

New Business:

York County Fair Foundation & Calendar Raffle Updates

- All tickets, sold or unsold need to be turned in by the morning of September 30, 2023.
- The ticket drawing will be held the evening of September 30, 2023.

September 9th Championship Demolition Derby

- No report on the Demolition Derby financials tonight.
- Approximately 700 paid adults and 200 children.
- Approximately 500 cans of alcohol were sold.
- There were just not enough spectators to make the event profitable.
- We should just stick to doing these events at our Fair.
- We need less risk and a smaller purse at these motor events.
- It is nice to try and help out York Fest by having an event at our Fairgrounds.
- Should we try: Rodeo, Bull Riding or Bull Fighting?
- We are always fighting the football schedule in the fall.

Soccer Complex

- The soccer program has a budget through the City of York of \$140,000.00.
- Gloystein spoke with the Mayor of York about leasing the soccer fields to them in exchange of no water meter charges for our Fairgrounds and we would pay for the actual water usage.

Fairgrounds Lease agreement with the County

- The County Roads Department would like to have the east half of the soccer fields to extend their facilities.
- The lease would not include the County Extension Office and the building that houses the Historical Society and Probation Office.

Heine talked about her experience of being the State Fair Grand Marshall Friday August 25, 2023.

Additional 2023 Fair Comments:

Jackson

- Received some complaints about show jocks helping with the swine.
 - We looked up and discussed the rules on who can help with grooming, showing and caring for the animals while on the Fairgrounds (page L in the York County

Fair Book).

- We could use another yard light toward the west side of the west parking lot to assist people getting to their vehicles.
- The Antique Tractor Pullers need to have some type of equipment available to dress the pulling track. WyAd wasn't comfortable with letting the pullers run their equipment because of liability issues.

Chrisman

- It seemed like there was a bunch of vendors and antique tractor participants parked around the east side of the Mercantile Building, Nebraska flower garden and North of the Grandstand Concession Building.
- We need to place barricades at Fairgrounds entrances to stop vehicles from entering and driving around the grounds.
- We can't have all these vehicles on the grounds in case we need to get emergency vehicles into and on the grounds!

Hoffschneider

- We need to remove the mulberry tree out by the 4H campers do to it's mess.

Jenny Rees

- It was a great Fair.
- It was a fun Fair.

Gloystein

- Please if anyone has not gotten their Thank Yous written, please do so soon.

2024 Fair Plans August 1 - 4, 2024

- Just a reminder, there will be no Carnival on Sunday next year.
- 2024 will be the last year that Witmore will be running the Antique Tractor pulling sled. It is now for sale.
- Should we try something different in the motor entertainment?
 - Replace the Demolition Derby?
 - Trailer Races?
 - We will have room to run Trailer Races after we move the arena power poles closer to the Horse Arena and the Crow's Nest into the Southwest corner of the Horse Arena.
- Hamilton County Fair told Gloystein that three nights of motor entertainment was too many nights of loud entertainment and you lose spectators.
- The Antique Tractor Pullers need to have water available to wet the track.
 - Who can we contact for a water wagon or truck?
 - York County Roads Department?
 - Aurora Cooperative?
- The track area is getting a terrible hard pan and should be ripped up and reconditioned.
- Heine - Idea for 2024 Theme – "Acres of Fun".
- Gloystein asking for ideas, thoughts and possible solutions:
 - Do we limit Sunday of the Fair?
 - No Sunday?
 - Move some of the events to Wednesday of the Fair week?
 - We want to keep the Farm Olympics but if we shorten or delete Sunday, when should we have the event?
 - McCool Junction Teachers have to report the Monday after Fair.
 - Do we dismiss everyone and release exhibits on noon Sunday?
 - Where would we schedule in Mutton Bustin?

- Can we incorporate Mutton Bustin with Kid's Day? If so what about Small Animal Round Robin?
- Do we incorporate Mutton Bustin with the Ranch Rodeo?

November Director Election:

Hoffschneider will be the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Nominating committee members are: Hoffschneider, Jackson, Quiring, Rathjen and Ziemke.

Terms expiring in 2023 are: Chrisman, Ditloff, Holtmeier, Ziegler and Zoubek.

Allie Kopcho asked to be on the prospective Directors list if someone steps down or does not seek reappointment.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Douglas Ziemke

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Secretary