

# YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of November 21, 2023

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the York County Extension Office for their regular monthly meeting, directly after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. The meeting notice was published in the November 8, 2023 York News Times along with public posted notifications at: 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, Heine, Heskett, Quiring, Rathjen, Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek. Five (5) Directors were absent; Cast, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Holtmeier and Jackson.

There were no Guests present

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 7:47 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.

No additional items to be added to the agenda.

## Election Of Officers

President Gloystein passed the leadership role to Vice President Ziegler, who proceeded to ask for nominations for President three (3) times. Heskett nominated Brad Gloystein. Motion #1 was duly made by Heskett that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Brad Gloystein as President. Seconded by Quiring. No further discussion. Motion #1 carried, ten (10) votes for, zero (0) votes against by voice vote.

Elected President Gloystein then resumed leadership role and asked for nominations for Vice President three (3) times. Chrisman nominated Christopher Ziegler. Motion #2 was made by Chrisman that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Christopher Ziegler as Vice President. Seconded by Rathjen. No further discussion. Motion #2 carried, ten (10) votes for, zero (0) votes against by voice vote.

President Gloystein asked for nominations for Secretary three (3) times. Quiring nominated Douglas Ziemke. Motion #3 was made by Ziegler that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Douglas Ziemke as Secretary. Seconded by Heine. No further discussion. Motion #3 carried, ten (10) votes for, zero (0) votes against by voice vote.

President Gloystein asked for nominations for Treasurer three (3) times. Rathjen nominated Craig Heskett. Motion #4 was made by Ziegler that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Craig Heskett as Treasurer. Seconded by Quiring. No further discussion. Motion #4 carried, ten (10) votes for, zero (0) votes against by voice vote.

## Minutes and Financial

Minutes of the September 19, 2023 and October 17, 2023 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. Quiring made the correction for the October 17, 2023 meeting that she

was present and that Kadee Ditloff was absent.

The Board reviewed the September 2023 and October 2023 Financial Report. Discussion on: Return of the beer trailer deposit for the September Demo Derby; \$580.08 to fix the sewer clean-out riser for the 4H Restroom after the Fair; beer sales and refunds for the September Demo Derby. Motion #5 was duly made by Ziegler to approve the September 2023, October 2023 Financial Reports and the September 19, 2023 and October 17, 2023, with corrections, minutes. Seconded by Heine. No further discussion. Ten (10) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #5 carried.

### **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.

The York County Fair was chosen “Best Community Celebration” in 2023.

### **Under the Building Committee Report:**

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center – Voice Evac Panel is now installed and working.

Ticket Booth – Ziegler reported that the Ticket Booth’s interior is now insulated, lined and completed.

Crow’s Nest – Ziegler reported that the light poles on the west side of the horse arena are now moved. They will try to pour the concrete foundation and building pad yet this year. Do we need a building permit if we are just relocating the building?

Home Economics 5 Ton AC unit – McCormick’s bid for replacement is \$10,150.00; J&R’s bid is \$17,000.00; Ziemke will talk with Critel Enterprises about getting a bid. Ziegler will speak with McCormick’s again so all bids are apples to apples. Existing units are heat pumps. New units will be just an AC unit. J&R’s bid is for 1 unit only.

#### **Fair Office**

- Bid for LP Smart Siding was just under \$21,000.00, Vinal siding bid is \$13,000.00.
- NIRMA is only agreeing to do two sides of the Office Building.
- \$8,500.00 Check from NIRMA after roofing the Gazebo and Crow’s Nest.
- Steel green lower façade would really look good and match the other buildings.
- Mike could do the steel façade.
- Rathjen will contact Rocol Construction from Milford to get a revised bid for doing LP Smart Siding with Mike doing the lower façade in green steel.
- Motion #6 was duly made by Ziegler to reside the Fair Office building with steel green lower façade and LP Smart Siding above the façade. Seconded by Chrisman. No further discussion. Ten (10) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #6 carried.

### **New Business:**

#### **York County Fair Foundation**

- Melanie Wilkinson has the Foundation on her website.
- \$33,298.23 in funds not including the income from the Calendar Raffle.
- We need to decide if we want to do another Calendar Raffle and if so, do we want to make any changes.

- The bronze is now showing in the York State Bank and possibly at the Henderson Bank after Christmas.
- Cindy Buss from Gresham would be a good contact for information on donator paver bricks from Endicott Clay Products Company.
- Working on ideas for a Donor Recognition wall.

#### September 9<sup>th</sup> Demo Derby Report

- The Derby did not go as well as we had hoped.
- The Demo promoter is asking if we are going to have a Demo Derby at the 2024 County Fair.
- Teams? Two tracks, one would be going while the other is setting up. Limit to 20 teams (40 cars) \$100.00 per car.
- Chris Wize is contemplating putting together an officiating team.
- The promoters and drivers are the only ones making any money from the Demo Derbys.
- Should we have trailer races instead of a Demo Derby at the 2024 Fair? Who officiates trailer races? Who promotes trailer races?
- Dave Bryon went up on his officiating prices for 2024 from \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00.

#### Soccer Complex

- The County Roads Department is already putting up fence to enclose their new area.
- Camper rental spots would work great in the grass area on the South end of the track. We would need to install rock and electrical hookups.

#### **2024 Fair Plans (August 1 – 4, 2024) Acres Of Fun**

- Sunday events?
- Mercantile Building – No Sunday? If we close it on Sunday, will the vendors start moving out on Saturday evening causing a distraction to the rest of Saturday evenings events on the grounds? What if we have a large enough deposit to keep them from moving out until Sunday?
- Ranch Rodeo is a go for 2024.
- Equipment Line rental space – the equipment dealers would receive a free spot with a donation to the Fair at one of the Premium donation levels.

#### **Other Business**

##### March events

- March 15, 2024 – Show Pig Sale
- March 16 – 28 2024 if possible – FFA Livestock Judging
- March 23, 2024 – Move out campers in Cattle Barn for Aurora Cooperative, we need to speak with the Aurora Cooperative about their schedule.
- March 27 – 30, 2024 – York/Hamilton Cattlemen's Beef Progress Show

2024 NAFM Convention – Ziemke announced the dates of the NAFM Convention in Kearney located in the Younes Conference Center South, January 19, 20 & 21, 2024. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn right across the street from the venue. As soon as Ziemke receives a schedule of events, he will email a copy to everyone. Ziemke will be in touch with everyone late December to find out their intentions of going and if so what days and evenings they would like to attend so he can register them for the convention and lodging.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

*Douglas Ziemke*

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Secretary