

YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of January 9, 2024

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday January 9, 2024 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 2, 2024 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.

Nine (9) Directors were present; Cast, Gloystein, Heine, Heskett, Hoffman, Quiring, Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek. Six (6) Directors were absent; Chrisman, Ditloff, Hoffschneider, Holtmeier, Jackson and Rathjen.

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.

No additional items to be added to the agenda.

Minutes and Financial

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

The Board reviewed the November 2023 and December 2023 Financial Report. Discussion on: Protex Central bill \$808.27 for remote monitoring of the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center's alarm system. Motion #1 was duly made by Ziegler to approve the November 2023, December 2023 Financial Reports and the November 21, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Hoffman. No further discussion. Nine (9) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #1 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.

Under the Building Committee Report:

Fair Office – Ziegler had not heard from Mike Write if and when he may start the LP Smart Siding project.

Home Economics 5 Ton AC unit – Dennis Ditloff spoke with Gloystein and said that the HVAC person that he does business with commented that a 5 Ton AC unit runs around \$8,000.00. Ziegler will recontact McCormick Heating and Airconditioning to get a final bid from them and Ziemke will recontact Critel Enterprises to get a final bid from them.

4H Buidling – Heskett purchased and installed a new internet router in the 4H Building. Coleen talked with Gloystein that some people who are renting the 4H Building are bringing their dogs along with them. She is having extra cleaning issues due to the hair, paw and nose

prints on the windows, glass doors and walls. Lori contacted one party and they brought in an additional \$50.00 to help with the cost of the additional cleanup.

- If we restrict dogs people will say that they are companion animals and continue to bring them into the building.
- How do we hold back the building deposit or part of the deposit if pets are found to have been in the building?
- Can we have them pay us through PayPal and then we reimburse their whole or partial deposit after inspection of the building?
- Coleen could leave some cleaning products and utensils in the building so the renters could possibly do some of their animal cleanup.
- We need to update the rental agreement for the 4H Building and Cornerstone Ag & Event Center.

New Business:

Rental Rates – We need to look over and update rental rates for all buildings and grounds.

York County Fair Foundation

- Checks are being sent out to the winners of the weekly Calendar Raffle.
- There have been a few more donations made, one of which was the Chrisman family for \$4,400.00.
- Approximately \$40,000.00 in the Foundation account without any proceeds from the Calendar Raffle.
- Do we do a Calendar Raffle again for 2024-2025?
- If we do a Calendar Raffle again, we will need a license from the State of Nebraska at least 30 days before the start of the raffle.
- The Foundation Directors need to have a meeting in the near future.
- The Foundation is looking for more Donor paver and wall ideas.

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

- Coffee trailer Thursday and Friday mornings starting at 8:00 a.m. How late in the day should they continue to serve?
- Should we move the livestock shows back to 9:00 a.m. from 10:00 a.m.?
- Mercantile Building on Sunday?
 - Noon until 2:00 p.m.? Ag Hall is Noon until 2:00 p.m.
 - Vendors cannot be released Saturday evening if we decide to not have Sunday hours. The vendors will be loading up to leave during Saturday evening events and cause traffic and distraction issues.
- Comment after the 2023 Fair – Quiring, the PeeWee Show and Muttin Bustin are in conflict with each other.
- Tent meeting with Michaela Stuhr on ideas for Sunday of the Fair
 - 3 on 3 Tournament.
 - Bouncy houses.
 - Pickle Ball Tournament on Sunday.
 - Kearney did a Pickle Ball Tournament.
 - We could possibly have Pickle Ball courts on North Nebraska Avenue west of the Sheep Barn.
 - Four courts.
 - Five to seven games in an hour.

- Play to either 11 or 21 points.
 - Try to be done by 2:00 p.m.
 - No entry fees.
 - Prize money.
 - Sweep all the gravel off of the street.
 - Stripe the courts, 20 feet by 44 feet.
 - There are currently 20 to 24 people playing pickle ball in York during the week.
- We need to keep utilizing the Yorkfest King and Queen for more events at the Fair.
 - Talk with other County Ag Societies at the NAFM Convention about Trailer Races.
 - Dana Hall & McCool Junction FFA – Ears of corn cut-outs for the Fair, yes!
 - Pancakes vs Waffles – It is up to the 4H Council.
 - Blinker Fluid – Friday evening August 2nd \$800.00
 - Moore Brothers (whole band) – Saturday evening August 3rd \$3,000.00
 - Iron Zepher – Saturday night August 3rd \$3,000.00

Other Business

Approval of 2024 Contractor/Vendors for tax exempt status – Are there any additional vendors that anyone sees that we should add to the list? Added Klien's Blue River Power, Lichti TV Appliance & Furniture, and Pepsi to the list of: Lincoln Creek Electric LLC; Ron & Jerry's Plumbing & Heating; Pieper Plumbing & Well Service; Pieper's Inc.; J&R Heating & Air Conditioning; McCormick's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.; Try 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 & Safe; Strive AV, LLC; Mead Lumber; Jensen Lumber Company; Volzke Corporation Irrigation Well Drilling; and Overland Ready Mix Sand & Gravel. Motion #2 was duly made by Quiring to approve all of the above for 2024 Contractor/Vendor Tax Exempt Status. Seconded by Heine. No further discussion. Nine (9) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #2 carried.

March events

- March 16, 2024 possibly – FFA Livestock Judging
- March 22, 2024 – Show Pig Sale – Kyle Badey
- March 23, 2024 – Show Pig Sale – Carl Jacobson
- March 23, 2024 – Move out campers in Cattle Barn
- March 27 – 30, 2024 – York/Hamilton Cattlemen's Beef Progress Show

2024 NAFM Convention – Ziemke briefly confirmed with those in attendance if they were attending or wanting to attend the Convention.

IAFE Zone 5 – Will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska February 23rd – 25th. Anyone interested in attending please let Ziemke know. Ziemke will forward a schedule of IAFE Zone 5 events as soon as he receives one.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Douglas Ziemke

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Secretary