

# YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of May 21, 2024

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday May 21, 2024 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 May 14, 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.

Eleven (11) Directors were present; Cast, Chrisman, Ditloff, Gloystein, Heine, Heskett, Holtmeier, Jackson, Quiring, Ziegler and Ziemke. Four (4) Directors were absent; Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Rathjen and Zoubek.

Guest present: Riley Ziegler

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 8:02 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.

## **Minutes and Financial**

Minutes of the April 16, 2024 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections.

The Board reviewed the April 2024 Financial Report. Discussion on two bills: \$495.00 billing from Hanson Contracting and Locksmith of Aurora, Nebraska for 2 service calls, new trim and two hours labor, no one present knows anything about the bill, Heskett will contact Hanson Contracting and Locksmith to see if we can learn more information; Kopcho Sanitation was higher because we needed a roll off for the Fair Office building siding that was removed. Motion #1 was duly made by Heine to accept the Minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting and the April 2024 Financial Records. Seconded by Ditloff. No further discussion. Eleven (11) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #1 carried.

## **Under Old Business:**

AED Units – Heine contacted the American Red Cross who helped her with research on prices of AED Units from six different companies and dependability of those companies. Heine suggested a company that had a price of \$3,400.00 for two units that included wall cabinets. Other companies were around \$2,700.00 per unit. Motion #2 was duly made by Heskett to purchase two units with the wall cabinets for \$2,700.00. Seconded by Jackson. No further discussion. Eleven (11) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #2 carried.

## **Building Committee Report:**

Fair Office – The lower green façade tin is ordered for the third time. There has been damage and issues with the first two orders. The new front doors that are ordered will be approximately \$3,700.00. Quiring also reminded the directors that we need to build and install a hand railing for the entrance.

Crow's Nest – The upstairs is studded out for the new windows. The replacement bottom walls have been built and are ready to be erected. The electricians will be removing the electrical power to the old Crow's Nest this week. The power poles on the west side of the horse arena, that were moved up near the arena fence, will have power trenched in after the Crow's Nest is relocated.

Mike Wright has been removing and disposing of the unnecessary items under the Grandstand.

We are still looking into an additional light pole or poles near the west end of our west parking lot.

Ziegler, Gloystein and Zoubek have the area south of the 4H Building entrance south to Ag Hall reseeded. Zoubek has been diligently watering the new seeding to get it established.

Leaks in the Cattle Barn roof. Ziemke will contact Joel Troester to have him look into the issues.

Everyone, if you happen to be in York, take a drive or walk through the Fairgrounds to look for maintenance items. Contact Ziemke with any you find and he will notify Mike Wright.

#### Ag Hall – Cooling

- Ziegler looked into a large rental portable cooler. Rental for the unit, cords, ductwork, delivery, setup and labor would be just over \$3,900.00 for the week of the Fair.
- Ziemke looked at some swamp coolers from WowThatsCold.com at the State Fair last year. Would the swamp coolers make it too humid for the quilts and photos?
- Could we air condition it like we do the Home Economics Building?
  - Would four 5 Ton units cool the building?
  - What if we installed a 5 Ton unit now and then another one every two years to spread out the cost?
  - Ziegler will work on getting bids on 5-ton units and installation.

#### **New Business:**

Julie Hoffman – Presentation for Handicap Accessibility. Will not be here this evening to give us her presentation. Julie is planning on attending our June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Gloystein was contacted by a Zach Dey to see what we would charge for using a portion of our Cattle Barn for a lay over on July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for 6 to 12 head of cattle. They are heading to a National Show in Grand Island, Nebraska. A question was raised if they would be staying on the Fairgrounds in a camper or in one of the local hotels. \$250.00 was the decided price since Mike and Bob would have to clean up the Cattle Barn after they leave.

Gloystein asked Ziegler if all of the security cameras have been operating correctly. Ziegler says that he periodically checks them and they are all working. We should ask Laurie if she would like to be able to view them on the office computers.

We have two new hires. Bob Hansen who will primarily work with mowing and trimming the grounds but also help Mike if he needs an extra hand. Clinton Brumstead who will help Mike with any construction and building repairs on the grounds.

## York County Fair Foundation

- Held a Foundation meeting last night May 20, 2024.
- We need people on a “Donor Wall Ideas” committee.
- We need someone to take control and run with a Dinner Fund Raising event that could possibly be held this upcoming fall.
- We are doing another Calendar Raffle.
  - We have the license.
  - We have the tickets
- This year’s Calendar Raffle is going well and winners are posted on Facebook and the Fair’s website.
- The next meeting for the Foundation is July 15<sup>th</sup>, the Monday before the July York County Agricultural Society meeting.

What is the history of the large picture in the Fair Office? Would Evie Barrett, Nancy Beach or Greg Bergen know the history?

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

Dana Hall dropped off six ear of corn cut outs. If we need more, she will have them cut out and delivered.

Will Chris Regear from Supper Value still help us out with the wine and beer tasting event at the Fair? Ziegler says that even though he has retired he will continue to help us.

Benedict Men’s Club – Ranch Rodeo Beer Garden, one or more of the Men’s Club members should meet with one of us so we can show them where we have decided to fence off for the beer garden.

Volleyball Tournament – proposed start time is 9:00 a.m. and possible end time 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. What about beer sales at the volleyball tournament?

Vendors would like to have a designated parking area closer to the grounds. We could have a roped off area just behind the equipment line and post it “vendor parking only”.

New food trucks this year: Holy Grounds coffee (Thursday and Friday), Holy Cow coffee (Saturday), Mexican Grille & Specialty Cheese Burgers and Roll With It. Other food trucks: Billy’s Grilled Cheese and A1.

Scavenger hunt – Quiring is working on the project. Small door prizes. Trying to decide to do either a whole Fair event or daily events.

## Website Upgrade

- Being able to do sales, rentals and bookings online.
- Quiring didn’t have any luck with getting questions answered from the Seward County Fair.
- Quiring didn’t receive an answer from Hamilton County Fair.
- Need to talk with our Extension Office secretaries to get their ideas, wants and needs in a program.

## Feed Incentive Allowance or Premium Auction

- Other counties have some type of monetary help for the exhibitors.

- Feed costs are going up.
- A premium auction has a bunch of issues that go along with it.
  - We've been looking for a chairperson to take care of a premium auction without any luck.
- One possibility is to have a pre-show auction of Champion and Reserve Champion banners.
- This year the York Chamber of Commerce is still doing \$7,000.00 of Chamber Checks.
- Next year any monetary supplementation to the exhibitors will be up to us.
- Will we need to find feed or ag companies to donate in order to replace the \$7,000.00 that the Chamber is donating now?
- Tanya has a spreadsheet of the divisions of the Chamber Checks for the animals.
- Ziegler says he has been working on a method to break down any payment in a fair manner.
  - Using a large beef animal was a whole unit with a feed allowance of \$200.00.
  - A Feeder steer would be a ½ unit getting \$100.00 allowance.
  - A sheep or goat would be ¼ unit and receive \$50.00 allowance.
  - Then continue down the line for all other species.

Go Cart Race spokesperson contacted Ziegler. He would like to meet with Ziegler sometime before Fair. Ziegler is forwarding all information to Rathjen. Everything is a go on his end. He has an announcer but would prefer we would find one. What about Lauren Coffin as an announcer?

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

*Douglas Ziemke*

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