

# YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of July 16, 2024

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday July 16, 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 July 9, 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.

Fourteen (14) Directors were present; Cast, Chrisman, Gloystein, Heine, Heskett, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Holtmeier, Jackson, Quiring, Rathjen (8:35 p.m.), Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek. One (1) Directors were absent; Ditloff.

Guests present: Tanya Crawford, UNL York County Extension Youth Educator; Tim Dibbern, York County Crime Stoppers; Dana Hall, McCool Junction FFA Advisor.

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 8:03 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 June 18, 2024 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections.

The Board reviewed the June 2024 Financial Report. Discussion on: \$35,000.00 Insurance premium; we are down on Fair sponsorships for 2024; we don't have the seed company sponsorships at this time. Motion #1 was duly made by Ziegler to accept the Minutes of the June 18, 2024 meeting and the June 2024 Financial Records. Seconded by Hoffschneider. No further discussion. Thirteen (13) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #1 carried.

## **Under Old Business:**

Julie Hoffman, YABAC – accessibility and inclusion items. Hoffman will contact Julie to see when her group would like to visit during the Fair.

## **Building Committee Report:**

Fair Office – The new west doors are now installed. The new windows more than likely will not be installed before Fair.

Crow's Nest – Making good progress. Three sides are now finished. Jason and Brad Gloystein are working on putting the arena fence in place.

West Parking Lot Lightning – Jackson is working with Matt Walford to put some additional lights on the existing pole in the middle of the west parking lot that will provide lighting to the far west area of the parking lot.

Church Kitchen – Gloystein will be meeting with Thrasher on Thursday to get an estimate on repairing the cracked and heaved concrete kitchen floor.

Antique Tractor Barn – It is now painted! Thank you to the McCool Junction McClover 4H Group, parents and other individuals who took the project under their wings. It ended up taking about twice as much paint as Mike had prepurchase for them.

### **New Business:**

After the last rain there was water over the street by the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center. Gloystein has talked with Harvey Keim about the issue. Harvey will talk with the city of York about the issue.

Tim Dibbern, York County Crime Stoppers – Tim asked if he could place information on the Fairgrounds to announce the yearly York County Crime Stoppers fund drive. The Directors gave him the okay to do so.

Livestock Banner Auction – Ziegler spoke with Justin Ott of Henderson State Bank the day after our last meeting about our apprehensions of it being so late before the 2024 Fair. The Livestock Banner Auction group will probably be making a big push after the Fair for the 2025 York County Fair.

York County Fair Foundation – Held a meeting yesterday July 15, 2024. Approximately \$41,000.00 in checking and there will be approximately \$8,000.00 profit for the Foundation from the 2023-2024 Calendar Raffle. 2023-2024 Calendar Raffle will end September 30, 2024 at midnight. We need to push the 2024-2025 Calendar Raffle, the raffle will begin October 1, 2024 at 12:01 a.m., see Heskett for tickets to sell. Who will be decorating the Foundation booth this year in the Mercantile Building? People need to sign up to man the Foundation booth. Booth times are divided up into 2 ½ hour slots. We still need 3 or 4 people to help on the Sponsor Wall committee. If we are going to have a fall fund raising event we need to have a committee to start planning the event.

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

- Heine sorted out sponsor event tickets to be handed out to appropriate Directors for them to deliver.
- 12 Teams are currently signed up for the Cornhole Tournament.
- 2 Teams are currently signed up for the Sand Volleyball Tournament.
- The coffee truck would like to store ice in a freezer if possible. Sorry, all the freezers are full of food for the 4H Food Stand.
- Heskett would like all the event coordinators to talk with him about placing pay outs and what amounts are to be paid.
- Heskett needs to know what events need seed money, what amounts and what denominations.
- Blinker Fluid is the band for Friday evening under the tent.
- Figure 8
  - Mike Wize would like to see a mechanics heat. It would be held after the feature races and would need a sponsor. Is the officiating team alright with this? The officiating leader is Mike Wize's brother. Rathjen will talk with Mike tomorrow.
- Taps, Tastes and Tunes – Good to go as long as Grand Central Super Value has everything lined up.
- Ranch Rodeo – Did we add to the pot last year? Yes, \$1,000.00.

- Antique Tractor Parade – 2 nights for \$1,000.00 donation.
- Aksarben Pioneer and Heritage Awards
  - Friday at 7:00 p.m.
  - Holtmeier will contact Kara Purdue to see if she would be interested in presenting the awards.
  - Ziemke will re-contact all of the recipient families.
  - The award plaques are being delivered to Ziemke.
  - All families will bring a short story for Kara to read.
- Bands
- Kids Day
- Kid's Tractor Pull
- Auto Show – Noon until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- Antique Tractor Pull
  - Equipment will need to be there for people to run.
  - Need to get tables and chairs for Cathy Jeager's group.
  - Volleyball – the antique tractor pullers need to know about the volleyball tournament and where they are to park.
- PeeWee Show – Okay, 12:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Mutin-Bustin – Charlie & Emmet.
- Farm Olympics – It will all be figured out by Sunday.
- Go Cart Races
  - Ziegler spoke with the promoter who would like to get more word out to the Fremont and Lincoln areas.
  - Does the Go Cart Race promoter have a Facebook page?
  - There is a Go Cart builder in Henderson – Kermit Buller.
- Pop, tea and lemonade prices from Pepsi are the same as last year.
- Tanya
  - Prices in the 4H Food Stand will see a price increase this year. Burgers will be 1/3 pound this year at \$5.00 and cheeseburgers \$5.50.
  - The judges currently get an \$8.00 food voucher. Since prices are going up in the 4H Food stand, can the voucher be raised to \$10.00?
  - Herdsmanship awards will be given out on Sunday after the large animal round robin with the stipulation that winners stick around to help with barn clean-up.
  - Herdsmanship judges are Megan Holtmeier and Katie Ziemke.
- The York College Men's Wrestling Team will be cleaning up the grandstand and around the horse arena on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings after the Go Cart Races, Ranch Rodeo and Figure 8 Races. We will give them a donation of \$500.00 for their work. Contact people for the York College Men's Wrestling Team: Tanner Hawkins & Coach Tylor Bell.
- "No alcohol in barns, under video surveillance" signs need to be placed in the livestock barns again.

Motion duly made by Ziemke to raise the judge's food voucher to \$10.00 for the 2024 Fair. Seconded by Rathjen. No further discussion. Fourteen (14) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #2 carried.

Gloystein went through a few of last years Fair comments that need attention:

- Need to make signs for the roll offs – Bedding only, No trash.
- Posters stating building hours for Home Economics, Ag Hall and Mercantile buildings.
- See if we can get the old grounds intercom to work.

2024 Fair Arrangements (The dreaded Ziemke list) – Ziemke went through everyone’s Fair arrangements for a quick pre-Fair double check.

Other noted Fair items:

- Need to put barriers out to block traffic so cattle can be walked from cattle barn to tie out area at night and in the morning.
- All vehicles that do not need to be parked within the grounds will be towed at the owner’s expense.
- Cattle can not be moved to the tie out area until after 9:00 p.m.

Reminders:

- IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions) Convention early sign-up has started and goes until October 1, 2024.
- Superintendent’s BBQ Supper is Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup> in the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center. Directors should be there by 6:15 p.m. and remember to bring your pan of bars and serving utensils.
- Pre-Fair Supper meeting is Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> at McLeans Beef Inc. Social at 6:15 p.m., meal at 7:00 p.m., meeting will follow the meal.

Only 16 days until Fair! Grab your posters and flyers to place out and about.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned for the evening at 9:45 p.m.

*Douglas Ziemke*

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Secretary

## **YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Minutes of July 24, 2024

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Wednesday June 24, 2024 directly after the Superintendents Barbeque Supper which started at 6:30 p.m., in the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center.

Fifteen (15) Directors were present; Cast, Chrisman, Ditloff, Gloystein, Heine, Heskett, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Holtmeier, Jackson, Quiring, Rathjen, Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek. No (0) Directors were absent.

Guests present: Coleen Brozek, Bob Hansen

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.

Budget Tax Request for 2024-2025 of \$143,635.33. Motion #1 was made by Ziemke to ask the County for a Budget Tax Request (Resolution number 2024-1) of \$143,635.33. Motion seconded by Heskett. No further discussion. Voting in favor: Cast, Chrisman, Ditloff, Gloystein, Heine, Heskett, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Holtmeier, Jackson, Quiring, Rathjen, Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek. Fifteen (15) votes for, zero (0) votes against. Motion #1 Carried.

#### 2024 Fair

- Holtmeier
  - Tent will be here Monday morning.
  - Veteran's Memorial will be here Monday morning to set up in the Mercantile Building.
  - We need room for the coffee truck south of the radio station shed.
  - Will need room for the Virtual Reality truck and trailer.
- Ditloff
  - Cornhole Tournament is now full of teams.
  - Volleyball Tournament currently has 4 teams signed up.
  - It would be best if the Volleyball nets ran east and west.
- Quiring
  - We have been receiving many likes on Facebook.
  - Will be launching the Photo Scavenger Hunt.
    - 12-13 Tasks around the grounds.
    - Upload to Facebook.
    - Prizes.
- Jackson
  - Walford is finishing up the electrical additions and normal yearly issues.
  - 4H/FFA Camper spots are full.
  - Antique Tractor Pull – Cathy has contacted Jackson and Rathjen.
- Rathjen
  - Figure 8 Races are all set to go.
  - Announcers are lined up for grandstand events.
- Hoffschneider
  - Set-up under the tent is on Wednesday evening.
  - Need help from the Directors for the Farm Olympics on Sunday afternoon.
- Chrisman
  - There are 10 teams signed up for the Ranch Rodeo.
  - We are having a beer garden at the Ranch Rodeo.
- Heskett
  - Cash, prizes and etcetera are all under control.
  - Computer and printer will be in the Fair Office.
  - Drawing for the Foundation Calendar Raffle will be held each day of the Fair. Is there a possibility to have a video of the drawing and winner on Facebook?
  - Try and sell tickets for the 2024/2025 Foundation Calendar Raffle.
  - Remember to sign up for a time slot in the Mercantile Building Foundation booth.
- Ziegler
  - Tomorrow, Thursday at 6:00 p.m., we will need help setting up the sheep and goat pens along with the small animal cages.

- Monday at 6:00 p.m. we will be setting up the arena in the Cornerstone Building. It normally takes about 3 hours to set up the arena.
- Monday evening, we will mark the outdoor vendor spots.
- Tuesday 5:30 p.m., we will be putting out no parking signs, parking lot signs, handicap parking signs, pennants, etcetera.
- Heine
  - Radio Station
    - Tuesday 7:30 a.m. – Gloystein
    - Wednesday 7:30 p.m. – Rathjen
    - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - Hoffman
    - Friday 7:30 a.m. – Chrisman
  - Pop and 2 sheds will be arriving on Monday.
- Hoffman
  - Night security for the grounds is taken care of.
- Zoubek – Everything is ready in his area.
- Hansen
  - Mowing in the tent area and main grounds will be done this Sunday.
  - Can Haden give him a hand for the next few days? Yes.
- Gloystein
  - Make sure to put out your posters and flyers.
  - Make sure to get the sponsor ticket delivered.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned for the evening at 8:14 p.m.

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## **YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Minutes of July 28, 2024

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Sunday June 28, 2024 at 8:00 p.m., directly after the Pre-Fair social & supper meeting which started at 6:15 p.m., in the dining area of McLean Beef Inc.

Fifteen (15) Directors were present; Cast, Chrisman, Ditloff, Gloystein, Heine, Heskett, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Holtmeier, Jackson, Quiring, Rathjen, Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek. No (0) Directors were absent.

Guests present: York County Agricultural Society Directors spouses; Tanya Crawford, UNL York County Extension Youth Educator & spouse; Jenny Rees, York County Extension Agent & guest; Amanda Hackenkamp York County Extension Youth Educator; Macee' Parish, York County Extension Office Secretary; Laurie Linabery, York County Extension Office Secretary; Kim Cotton, York County Extension Office assistant; Melvin & Coleen Brozek Fairgrounds

custodians; Bob Hansen, York Fairgrounds maintenance personnel & spouse; Dana Hall, McCool Junction FFA Advisor & spouse; Jason Hirschfeldt, York FFA Advisor & spouse; Rachelle Steahr, York FFA Advisor, spouse and daughter; Evie Barrett, Fair Office Manager; Jolane Underwood, Fair Office Manager; Mark Jensen, York County Fair Sound engineer.

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 8:13 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.

Ditloff

- The Cornhole Tournament is full with 20 teams signed up.
- The Volleyball Tournament now has 8 teams signed up.

Holtmeier

- Tent is arriving and will be erected on Monday.
- Table and chairs are taken care of.
- Veteran's Memorial will arrive on Monday.

Rathjen

- Still working on building the track.
- Go Cart Races Promotor demands
  - Check-in starts at 9:30 a.m.
  - Hot laps start at 3:00 p.m.
  - Races will start at 6:00 p.m.
  - Needs a tent.
  - We need to contact the York Parks and Recreation to have them take their padlock off of the northeast track entrance gate. We need to be able to unlock it with our keys.

Mark Jensen

- Needs a master key to get in to the track area and Crows Nest to do speaker wiring and sound testing.
- Are all of the speaker wires installed into the Crow's Nest?
- The new speaker wire was \$3.00 per foot for a 1000-foot roll. After some searching Mark found some that would work for \$0.99 per foot.
- Emceeding the Taps Tastes and Tunes event under the tent with trivia questions.

Bob Hansen

- Bob's wife Gail helped him mow Sunday afternoon.

Laurie Linabery – all is ready.

Evie Barrett and Jolane Underwood – they will have the Fair Office ready to go.

Coleen Brozek – Just need to finish cleaning the buildings before Fair.

Melvin Brozek

- Where are the concrete blocks located that he uses to level the tent stage?
- He will have the stage level before Wednesday.

Hoffman – Security will be here Wednesday evening through Saturday evening.

Cast – The map for the equipment front line is good.

Ziegler

- Monday 6:00 p.m. Cornerstone arena set-up.
- Tuesday 5:30 p.m. signs and pennants.

Hoffschneider – Wednesday 6:00 p.m. set up under the tent.

Jackson – All is a go.

Heine

- The last newspaper ads will be tomorrow.
- Pop arrives tomorrow.
- Refer will be delivered tomorrow.
- Radio spots
  - Tuesday 7:30 a.m. – Gloystein
  - Wednesday 7:30 p.m. – Rathjen
  - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - Hoffman
  - Friday 7:30 a.m. – Chrisman

Gloystein

- He will give the Radio Station the give away tickets when he does his radio spot.
- See if we can get the main grounds public address system working.

Chrisman

- Miller Seed is lined up to spray the grounds for flies.
- Ranch Rodeo is ready to go.
- Ziegler or Gloystein will be getting the beer for the Ranch Rodeo beer garden.

Zoubek – Good to go on his end.

Jenny Rees

- They will need tables and chairs in Ag Hall. She will discuss with Bob Hansen what they will need and when so he can haul them from the Cornerstone Building to Ag Hall.

Quiring – Good to go.

Jason Hirschfeldt – Petting Zoo set-up will be on Monday evening.

Dana Hall – Good to go.

Amanda Hackenkamp

- Two racks of tables and one rack of chairs are needed Monday in the Home Economics Building by noon.
- The large wooden pew in the Home Economics Building needs to be moved tomorrow morning.
- Need to put the Style Review stage in the northwest staging area corner of the outdoor sand arena.

Heskett

- There will be pit entrance money bags for two nights.
- Corn growers are paying the awards for the Cornhole Tournament.
- Ranch Rodeo beer garden will need a money bag.
- Do we need a card reader out in the Crow's Nest?
- Can we get internet access out in the Crow's nest?

Ziemke

- Hand wash stations; port-a-potties; State Patrol; Perennial demonstration unit; two John Deere Gators; three, 4 person golf carts; one limo golf cart; John Deere tractor for the track area; grandstand event & track area clean-up people are all good to go.
- We have several elderly Aksarben award recipients this year. Could I possibly have a couple of golf carts and at least one driver to help me shuttle the recipients to and from their vehicles on Friday evening? Jackson said he can help with the limo golf cart.
- Does anyone have an idea of where we could have the Aksarben award recipients park that we could restrict to just their vehicles? Mary Gloystein suggested the Upper Big Blue NRD parking lot just to the north of the Fairgrounds. Wonderful idea Mary! I will contact the NRD in the morning to see if they would let us use their parking lot.

Tanya Crawford



- She has two boys lined up to deliver pop from the refer to the Concession Stands.
- She needs to set up barricades for the Bike Rodeo and Casting Contest Tuesday morning on 4H Drive.
- 4H Food Stand hours have been posted on Facebook.
- We need to place a wire or cable over the sheep/goat pens for exhibitors to hang their name and stall cards.
- There was a question of whether people can bring their animals in Wednesday morning when it is cooler? Yes, no problem, we should have everything ready for them.
- With the high temperatures this coming week do we need to put fans in the staging arena?

Gloystein final notes:

- No children driving the golf carts around during the Fair.
- We need to make sure to put the barricades out before 9:00 p.m. so cattle can be walked from the barn to the tie outs.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned for the evening at 9:10 p.m.

*Douglas Ziemke*

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Secretary