

YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of November 19, 2024

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday November 19, 2024 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 11, 2024 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.

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

Guest present: Tanya Crawford UNL Extension Youth Education Director.

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 7:55 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.

Additional items to the agenda: Camper hookup.

Election Of Officers

President Gloystein passed the leadership role to Secretary Ziemke (Vice President Ziegler was absent), who proceeded to ask for nominations for President three (3) times. Nominations from the floor: Heskett nominated Christopher Ziegler, Quiring nominated Brad Gloystein. Motion #1 was duly made by Heskett that nominations cease and ballots be given to voters. Seconded by Chrisman. No further discussion. Ballots were passed out, received back and counted. Votes cast for Ziegler – 6, votes cast for Gloystein – 3. Motion #1 carried. 2025 President Christopher Ziegler by ballot vote.

President Gloystein then resumed leadership role and asked for nominations for Vice President three (3) times. Heskett nominated Brad Gloystein. Motion #2 was made by Heskett that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Brad Gloystein as Vice President. Seconded by Rathjen. No further discussion. Motion #2 carried, nine (9) votes for, zero (0) votes against. 2025 Vice President Brad Gloystein by voice vote.

President Gloystein asked for nominations for Secretary three (3) times. Quiring nominated Douglas Ziemke. Motion #3 was made by Quiring that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Douglas Ziemke as Secretary. Seconded by Chrisman. No further discussion. Motion #3 carried, Nine (9) votes for, zero (0) votes against. 2025 Secretary Douglas Ziemke by voice vote.

President Gloystein asked for nominations for Treasurer three (3) times. Jackson nominated Craig Heskett. Motion #4 was made by Rathjen that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Craig Heskett as Treasurer. Seconded by Jackson. No further discussion. Motion #4 carried, nine (9) votes for, zero (0) votes against. 2025 Treasurer Craig Heskett by voice vote.

Minutes and Financial

Minutes of the October 15, 2024 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. No additions or corrections.

The Board reviewed the October 2024 Financial Report. Discussion on: October profit & loss; water/sewer for the 2024 Fair was 2626.25; Fair premiums paid out so far \$10211.25, they will keep trickling in; all livestock shows, judges, judges' meals & expenses, open class, 4H and FFA is approximately \$40,000.00. Bedding and shavings were \$4747.58; checking is low because of all the capital improvements that were done this year. Motion #5 was duly made by Zoubek to approve the October 2024 Financial Reports and the October 15, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Ditloff. No further discussion. Nine (9) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #5 carried.

Under Old Business:

Under the Building Committee Report:

Ag Hall – Ziegler reported to Gloystein that Critel Enterprises quoted \$1,600.00 to install the ductwork for the air conditioning system. We need to try and keep the integrity of the interior aesthetics of the building.

Church Kitchen – Gloystein spoke with Jerry Steahr who verified that he will put together a crew to help us remove and pour a new concrete floor in the south interior kitchen area. Holtmeier will check into the possibility of getting the concrete donated.

Sheep, Goat and Small Animal Barn

- Ziemke has not met with Lincoln Creek Electric yet about getting a bid on upgrading the electrical in the barn.
- What about moving the goats and sheep over to the swine barn since the swine numbers are so low?
- There are more power outlets in the swine barn.
- We would have to move the Petting Zoo to a different location, possibly the north half of the Small Animal, Sheep & Goat Barn.

Mercantile Building – No report on ceiling insulation and roof leaks.

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center – water leak on either the north door or roof above the door area. Ziemke stated that water has blown under the north overhead door on another occasion and left the impression that it was a roof leak.

4H Building – Carston Steahr will install the mop sink in the kitchen pipe chase/mechanical room.

4H/FFA Camper Area

- Currently there are eighteen camper spots available.
 - Three on the north side of the new shop.
 - Four on the cattle tie outs.
 - Four or five on the old garage.
 - Two on the light pole.
 - Along with 5 other locations.

- We could get to nineteen or twenty spots if we tore out the old leaning garage and cleaned up the area around the trees.

North Ditch – York County Roads Department is still planning on digging out our north ditch around the corner of North Nebraska Avenue and 25th Street so the water can drain more proficiently off of the street area and around the north entrance to the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center.

New Business:

The City of York has issued us a letter requesting the removal of the two dying pine trees that are located on the north side of the swine barn along 25th Street. Gloystein spoke with the County Roads Department about removing them. The county said they would haul them off if we could get someone to cut them down. Bob Robinson gave a quote of \$700.00 and Sperling gave a quote of \$1,200.00 to cut them down. Motion #6 was duly made by Jackson to have Robinson cut down the trees. Seconded by Chrisman. No further discussion. Nine (9) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #6 carried.

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center Rental Rates

- Gloystein commented that we need to raise the rental rates for the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center because of occurring damages and cost of janitorial clean-up after events.
- Cleaning for normal events takes Coleen between three and four hours.
- Someone tried to use the floor scrubber to clean up a mess and damaged it. Coleen was upset when she found the scrubber not working.
- The Suggestion was made to raise the current rental rate of \$650.00 to \$750.00 and the current event deposit from \$200.00 to \$300.00.

Motion #7 was duly made by Chrisman to raise the rental rate to \$750.00 and event deposits to \$300.00 for the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center. Seconded by Ditloff. No further discussion. Nine (9) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #7 carried.

Julie Hoffman, YABAC Accessibility and Inclusiveness

- Gloystein was able to talk with Julie Hoffman.
- Julie felt that we were not very nice to them at the meeting their group attended.
- Julie also said that we never contacted them before the Fair to take a walk around of the Fairgrounds.
- We will contact Julie and her group this coming spring to have them join us in a walk around of the Fairgrounds.

York County Fair Foundation

- The 2024/2025 Calendar raffle is up and running.
- The Foundation has received a grain donation of \$4,500.00
- One raffle winner has donated their \$100.00 winnings back to the Foundation.
- The Foundation needs to have another meeting.
- We need to move some of the Foundation funds to the Agricultural Society to assist in paying for projects and renovations done this past year. We should then send out Thank you's to let the donators know what projects or renovations their donation went towards.

NIRMA Insurance

- Rathjen has not heard back about our building, equipment and grounds evaluation.
- What will we do if they force us to increase our values?

- We are defiantly under insured. There is no way we can afford the insurance premium if we raise everything to replacement costs. Due to the tax lid, we do not receive enough tax money from the county to be able to insure items properly.
- We received a \$423.00 dividend for NIRMA's yearly earnings.
- The insurance open portal starts soon.

2025 Fair Plans (July 31 – August 3, 2025)

- Go Cart Races
 - Rathjen spoke with Brandon Johnson who works the Beatrice Blue River Raceway.
 - Rathjen will see if Brandon could run our Go Cart Races on Thursday evening and if so, how much would he charge?
- Antique Tractor Pull
 - We have not heard anything from the Antique Tractor pull organizers if there will be a pull or not.
 - It costs us \$1,700.00 for the Antique Tractor Pull.
- Do we need an event in the grandstand on Sunday if there is no Antique Tractor pull?
- Lynch Carnival will be here Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- The sand in the arena was terribly hot and dry for the last Fair's Volleyball Tournament. Could the sand be watered down between volleyball matches?
- Seward County does a Derby or Figure 8 on Sunday.
- Seward County has moved their Fair to July 24-27 this year.
- Bands for under the Tent
 - Rascal Martines does not have any events listed on Facebook at this time. Normally he has upcoming events in Lincoln or Grand Island listed.
 - We have no local bands hired at this time.
 - Schoch would not commit.
 - Brandon & The 11th?
 - Tegan Michael Nissen – Omaha?
- Muttin Bustin
 - Why was last years cost \$400.00 - \$500.00 more than our contract?
 - We will take last years contract along to Kearney and talk to them about the cost difference.
 - Was there an extra charge per rider?
- The 4H Council wants to do some type of memorial for Marisol Stamp.
 - Becky Stamp said that it would be nice to have a shade cover over the top of the outside cattle tie outs.
 - Stamp Fencing would be commissioned to build the shade cover over the outside tie outs if the project is approved though the 4H Council and Agricultural Society.
 - It would be helpful if the memorial money would be donated to the York County Fair Foundation and then paid back out toward the project.
 - Why not utilize the memorial donations toward enlarging the outside cattle tie outs instead of a shade cover?
 - We still have the \$2,000.00 that the York Cattlemen donated to us for enlarging the outside cattle tie outs.
 - Why would you need a permanent shade cover over the outside tie outs if cattle are only allowed to be tied out during the night hours?

Other Business

2024 NAFM Convention – Ziemke reminded everyone of the NAFM Convention in Kearney located in the Younes Conference Center South, January 24, 25 & 26, 2025. Attendees of the York County Ag Society 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 attending and if so, what days and evenings they would like to attend so he can register them for the convention and lodging.

Ziemke will contact the Alley Rose in Kearney to make sure the back room is rented for Saturday evening January 25th for our Convention events meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Douglas Ziemke

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Secretary