



Saline County Agricultural Society Inc.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes ~ Regular Meeting Feb. 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Saline County Agricultural Society Inc. Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Feb. 11, 2015 by President Kent Musil in the Exhibition Building conference room at Tuxedo Park, Crete, Nebraska.

The meeting was held in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a copy of which was posted in the meeting room, and the meeting was duly advertised in The Crete News.

Present were board members Kent Musil, Theresa Vernon, Bailey Horak, Bob Lorenz, Bill Voss, Warren Vyhnaelek and BJ Fictum; and treasurer Eric Stehlik. Absent was Kathy Tachovsky.

President Musil welcomed visitors and board members.

A motion was made by Vernon, seconded by Vyhnaelek, to approve the meeting agenda. Voting aye were Vyhnaelek, Musil, Vernon, Bailey Horak, Lorenz, Voss and Fictum; nays, none; motion carried.

A motion was made by Vernon, seconded by Fictum, to approve the minutes of the Jan. 14, 2015 regular meeting as corrected to add meeting start time of 7 p.m. Voting aye were Vernon, Bailey Horak, Lorenz, Musil, Vyhnaelek, Voss and Fictum; nays, none; motion carried.

Brakhage arrived at 7:09 p.m.

There were no items under Citizens Forum or Communications.

Stehlik reviewed in the February financial report with the board, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Vyhnaelek, seconded by Brakhage, to approve the February financial report and the claims totaling \$12,670.76. Voting aye were Musil, Vernon, Vyhnaelek, Brakhage, Fictum, Bailey Horak, Lorenz and Voss; nays, none; motion carried.

February 2015 Claims

Waste Connections, trash.....	\$63.75
City of Crete, water (\$48.40) and electrical (\$1,102.31).....	\$1,150.71
Theresa Vernon, three events	\$180.00
Windstream communications, telephone.....	\$52.95
True Value, mousetraps.....	\$10.79
Western United mutual insurance, insurance adjustment	\$7.50
Nebraska Secretary of State, biennial report.....	\$20.00
Rixstine, plaque updates	\$21.40
NAFM, tickets	\$60.00
City Bank & Trust, safety deposit box.....	\$25.00
The Crete News, legals	\$18.00
Husker Promotions, teardrop signs	\$723.00
Bill Voss, NAFM convention lodging.....	\$177.84
Bob Lorenz, NAFM convention lodging	\$159.82
TOTAL:	\$12,760.76

Eric Stehlik, 4-H extension assistant, discussed the proposed schedule of events for the 2015 County Fair with the board. The following changes were suggested to the schedule:

- Exhibition Building and Ag Hall will open at 10 a.m. and close at 10 p.m., with the exception of judging day (Wednesday) when the exhibition building will open at the conclusion of static judging

■ Discussion was held on restructuring the layout of the Exhibition Building to allow for previous Ag Hall displays to be placed in the Exhibition Building to having an antique tractor display in Ag Hall

■ The Galaxy of Stars talent competition sponsored by the ag society and the Crete Lions Club will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday night in the lakebed area. Voss is in charge for the Ag Society and Jeanette Drohman for the Lions. More details will be presented at the March meeting.

■ There will not be round-robin showmanship this year, Stehlik said, due to declining participation.

■ The Yard & Garden radio show will not be at the fair this year because saline County is running concurrently with the Jefferson County fair.

■ The beer garden will be open on Friday from 6 to 11:30 p.m.

Lorenz, Vyhnaelek and Voss reported on the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers convention they attended in late January. Lorenz presented suggestions for entertainment which included garden tractor races and hot-rod tractors. Vyhnaelek has a signed copy of the Figure 8 racing officials contract and noted that our payout is on par with other area Figure 8 races.

Discussion centered around having another Figure 8 racing event independent to the county fair and board members discussed the possibilities with the NeFigur8N crew. Voss said while Wahoo has the state Figure 8 event scheduled for 2015 and it would be hard to get that away from Saunders County. Linn, Kan., is having a Figure 8 event to kick off the season in late May or early June so Saline County wanted to have its own the week prior to Linn, it might work. Where discussion was held on possible dates, Saturday or Sunday afternoon, a beer garden and getting the approval of the City Parks and Rec department because two major softball tournaments are usually held in the beginning of June. Vernon said she will check with the City. After discussion on possible dates, a motion was made by Bailey Horak, seconded by Fictum, to investigate May 31 as the first choice for a spring Figure 8. Additional discussion ensued and the motion was withdrawn before vote.

Motion was made by Vernon, seconded by Bailey Horak, to hold a spring Figure 8 racing event with the date to be determined once more information is received on the city softball tournaments. Voting aye were Brakhage, Musil, Vernon, Bailey Horak, Lorenz, Voss and Fictum; nays, none; motion carried.

Board members discussed at length improvements to the Rodeo Arena and repairs to the Exhibition Building roof. The discussion will continue at the March meeting.

BJ Fictum, Saline County Emergency Management coordinator, present information to the board on the 2015 update process for the nine-county Lower Big Blue/Little Blue NRD All-Hazards Mitigation Plan which the Ag Society participated in previously. The current update will take approximately one year. Any entity wishing to apply for and receive hazard mitigation project dollars must participate in the update process.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brakhage, seconded by Vyhnaelek, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. All voting aye; nays, none; motion carried. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



BJ Fictum, Secretary Pro Tem