

**Minutes**  
**Sarpy County Agriculture Society**  
**February 28, 2022**  
**7 p.m.**

**Sarpy County Fair Grounds**

1. Roll Call Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jim Jansen; Present were Jim Jansen, Dwayne Lang, Chad Heinert, Mike Rudolph, Tanner Stock, Jake Kinman, Curtis Rainge, Cody Ruff, Scott Voss and Tyler Krapp. Absent: Ron Tex Jr and Joe Smisek
2. Proof of Publication presented by Mike Rudolph
3. Public meeting notice and proof of Public Meeting Laws. Noted on the south wall of the Sarpy County Agriculture Society board office.
4. Approval of minutes of January 24, 2022, monthly meeting.
  - a. Motion made by Jake Kinman to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting seconded by Tanner Stock. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
5. Treasures Report
  - a. Motion made by Tanner Stock to approve the treasures report as presented seconded by Cody Ruff. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
6. Property Managers Report
  - a. Taste of Sarpy
    - i. A committee has been formed and they are currently gaining interest in the event.
  - b. Building needs
    - i. Ant issue in the 4H Building
      1. Sarah will get in touch with an exterminator
    - ii. Refrigerator repair
      1. Sarah will line up repair
    - iii. Paint drywall
      1. Sarah has the go ahead to paint the drywall in the 4h building.
  - c. Rentals of 2022
    - i. Firework rentals
      1. Chad Heinert made a motion to move this item to after executive session seconded by Tanner Stock. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
7. SVFD / SCSO
  - a. No update at this time.
8. Old Business
  - a. Sarpy County Cities Wastewater Agency
    - i. They are currently on the grounds working, they will continue until June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Premium Auction
    - i. The checks will be made to the 4H kids and they will include that on the flyer for the event. The event will be held on Saturday at 4pm

- c. Approval of and authorize the president to sign the agreement with the city of Springfield to transfer lot 7A1, Grand Square Addition to the Ag Society.
  - i. Cody Ruff made a motion to authorize Jim Jansen to sign the agreement with the city of Springfield seconded by Dwayne Lang. Jim Jansen abstained from the vote. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
- d. Open Class Improvements
  - i. The theme for 2022 is Loony Tunes
  - ii. Overall, they had a great year, 274 participants that received premiums, which is down a little from 2019.
  - iii. They had 34 paid workers, 9 volunteers and 7 judges.
  - iv. Barb said that they really appreciate the pizza dinner that was provided to them on Tuesday night as it is a fast and furious process at check in.
  - v. Barb would like to continue to pay her helpers \$12 an hour and give them a meal ticket again this year.
  - vi. Barb would also like a key to the building, Sarah will get her a key.
- 9. New Business
  - a. Approval of 2022 Fair Contracts
    - i. Chad Heinert made a motion to approve the following contracts: Ty Stuart for \$1,200 per night for Friday and Saturday Rodeo, NE Bush for \$6,000 for Thursday nights Truck and Tractor Pull, Romeo Entertainment for 10% of artist cost and Bungart Motorsports \$5,600 for the sled Wednesday and Thursday night and for \$2,000 for the display screen for the whole week seconded by Dwayne Lang. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
  - b. Committee updates
    - i. 2022 Sponsorship letter
      - 1. Nichole worked with Cheri and changed the letter to a 1-page document.
      - 2. They are working on testing the online payment system through paypal.
      - 3. Cheri is looking into pulling a chamber list for emails.
    - ii. Website renewal
      - 1. Cody Ruff made a motion to approve \$1,400 a month for website and social media services seconded by Chad Heinert. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
  - c. 4H Improvements
    - i. Brett came up with a list of improvements for each building the board decided to discuss this further at a later date.
  - d. Master Gardener's
    - i. Dwayne Lang made a motion to approve \$2,000 for the 2022 budget seconded by Scott Voss. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
    - ii. They will start working on Thursdays at the end of March through September.
    - iii. Mulch day will be May 12<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. A garden walk will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>
    - v. Amy is going to start writing an article in the Springfield newsletter.
  - e. Kelly Krapp

- i. Chad and Kelly Krapp came to the board asking if we would consider purchasing 1/3 of the TV system, they would like to install in the livestock building.
  - ii. The system would show who is up next and what class order will be. You will be able to see if from the bleacher seating. They saw this in action at the Burt County fairgrounds.
  - iii. They would like two 65-inch TV's and a 35-inch TV for the south end. They would be working with Black Dimond Electronics to set it up.
  - iv. They would also request use of the lift to have it installed.
  - v. They are requesting that is only used for the following shows: Krapp memorial pig show, 4H Progress show and during the fair.
  - vi. They would also either need to run cords or have an electrician come in to install power to run it.
  - vii. This has been tabled to the next meeting.
- f. Mower trade in
  - i. Chad Heinert made a motion to purchase a new mower from Ty's Outdoor Power for \$7,022.12 with the trade in of our current mower for the value of \$4,000 seconded by Jim Jansen. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
- g. Replacement of electrical panel down south
  - i. Cody Ruff made a motion to replace and rewire the electrical panel located in the motor sports complex on the contestant side for the price of \$5,900.00 seconded by Curtis Rainge Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
- h. Social Media budget for 2022
  - i. Cody Ruff made a motion to approve spending \$2,100 on social media ads for the 2022 fair season seconded by Scott Voss. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
- i. National Weather Service Outreach Team
  - i. Mike Rudolph is going to work with them to set up a booth in the commercial building along with Curtis Rainge to set up a free entertainment spot for them to teach the community about weather.
- j. SBA yearly membership dues
  - i. The board decided in the treasures report to renew the SBA membership.
- k. Jessica – 4H practice
  - i. Jessica came to the board to ask for permission to use the arena for 4H horse practice during the summer months.
  - ii. Chad Heinert explained that there is a lot of construction going on between the water / sewer line and the roping shoots being installed that it wouldn't work until later in the summer. Chad will keep in touch with Brett and they will notify the groups when the arena will be available to use.
- l. North arena roping shoots.
  - i. Tyler Krapp made a motion to spend up to \$35,000 on restructuring and replacing the roping shoots on the south end of the north arena seconded Curtis Rainge. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.

10. 4-H Report

- a. Shooting sports will host their competition early this year, it will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Brett has been asked to talk to the board to see if it is possible to get additional fans and or electrical outlets for the sheep during the fair.
    - i. The board asked Brett to discuss this with Ron Tex at the next meeting.
  - c. Horse meeting notes
    - i. Brett also brought attention to the board that the horse stalls in the live-stock building do need some improvements, if we plan to continue using them.
    - ii. They did decide to host the speed events on Thursday night during the fair in the rodeo arena.
    - iii. Brett also let the board know that if it happens to rain on the day of the horse show, the horse show will continue to be held at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds, it will not be moved to another location.
  - d. Livestock meeting
    - i. The livestock meeting will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>
11. Communication from the public
12. Executive Session (if needed)
- a. Chad Hienert made a motion at 8:56 pm to enter executive session to discuss fire-work rentals for 2022 seconded by Scott Voss. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
  - b. Chad Hienert made a motion at 9:20 pm to exit executive session seconded by Scott Voss. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.
13. Firework Rentals
- a. Cody Ruff made a motion to accept Wild Willy's Fireworks proposal for exclu-sive rights to the Sarpy County Fairgrounds seconded by Tanner Stock. Vote: 9 yes, Dwayne Lang abstained from the vote, motion carried.
14. Adjourn motion made by Cody Ruff to adjourn the meeting seconded by Tanner Stock Meeting adjourned at 9 :27p.m. Vote: 10 yes, motion carried.