

**Minutes**  
**Sarpy County Agriculture Society**  
**March 28, 2022, Rescheduled for April 11, 2022**  
**8 p.m.**  
**Sarpy County Fair Grounds**

1. Roll Call Meeting called to order at 8:00 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, Tyler Krapp and Joe Smisek. Absent: Ron Tex Jr
2. Proof of Publication presented by Mike Rudolph
3. Chad Heinert made a motion to move item 8D to after item 9E seconded by Dwayne Lang. Vote 11 yes, motion carried.
4. Public meeting notice and proof of Public Meeting Laws. Noted on the south wall of the Sarpy County Agriculture Society board office.
5. Approval of minutes of February 28, 2022, monthly meeting.
  - a. Motion made by Cody Ruff to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting seconded by Dwayne Lang. Vote: 10 yes, Joe Smisek abstained, motion carried.
6. Treasures Report
  - a. Motion made by Dwayne Lang to approve the treasures report as presented seconded by Curtis Rainge. Vote: 11 yes, motion carried.
7. Property Managers Report
  - a. 4H will be hosting a weeklong event in the 4H building, they are offering field trips to elementary schools to hear more about 4H and what it has to offer.
  - b. The livestock building is rented the entire month of June.
8. SVFD / SCSO
  - a. GVFD would like a final schedule so they can start shift sign ups.
9. Old Business
  - a. Sarpy County Cities Wastewater Agency
    - i. Engineer report- Things are moving slower than they would like but they are doing well. Platteview road is giving them some troubles. They will not bore on the fairgrounds until after September 1.
    - ii. Jeff Thompson requested to use the north rodeo contestant lot for a groundbreaking ceremony. Chad Hienert made a motion to approve them using the lot seconded by Tanner Stock. Vote 11 yes, motion carried.
  - b. Request and vote on donation for TVs and system in livestock building – Kelly Krapp
    - i. Chad and Kelly Krapp are going to work with Joe Smisek to see if they can get the tv's donated by Paypal.
  - c. Mower Trade in and purchase of new mower
    - i. Chad Hienert made a motion to approve purchasing a new mower for \$11,401.12 seconded by Curits Rainge. Vote 11 yes, motion carried.

## 10. New Business

- a. Approval of 2022 Fair Contracts
  - i. Chad Heinert made a motion to approve the following contracts: Lucus Minor for \$1,000.00, Tyler Anthony and the Train wrecks for \$1,500 and On the Fritz for \$1,500 seconded by Dwayne Lang. Vote 11 yes, motion carried.
- b. Committee updates
  - i. Sponsorship update
    1. Nichole worked with Cheri to see if we can get a mailing / email list from the Sarpy County Chamber. They do offer a list for a cost of \$1,480.50 for postal addresses and \$1,127.50 for email addresses.
      - a. Chad Heinert made a motion to table this topic to the next meeting seconded by Joe Smisek. Vote 11 yes, motion carried.
  - ii. Concert Committee update
    1. Insurance claim
      - a. Chad Heinert made a motion to move this item to number 13 Executive session to be discussed seconded by Cody Ruff. Vote 11 yes, motion carried.
  - iii. Ticket office
    1. Ticket Company
      - a. Sarah discussed the option to use a different ticketing provider for the concert in 2022 after discussion it was decided to stay with Ticketleap for all events in 2022
    2. Approval of Ticket on sale date
      - a. This was tabled to the next meeting.
    3. Approval of Ticket pricing for 2022
      - a. Wednesday Truck and Tractor Pull - \$15 (5 and under free)
      - b. Wednesday Bull Riding - \$12
      - c. Thursday Truck and Tractor Pull - \$20 Grandstands (5 and under free) \$40 pit passes
      - d. Friday Rodeo - \$12
      - e. Friday A night of music at the fair – TBD
      - f. Saturday Rodeo - \$12
      - g. Saturday Concert – TBD
      - h. Sunday Demo Derby \$15 Grandstands, \$20 Pit Passes
- c. Request to approve fireworks rental with Kracklin Kirk's Fireworks – Kirk Meyers
  - i. Kirk Meyers handed out a copy of the Open Meeting Act Violations, Insufficient Agenda Item Descriptions and Improper Public Notice and Minutes Record provided by his lawyer. Kirk Meyers discussed his history with the board and reviewed email exchanges that he had with Sarah Rudolph the rental manager regarding the 2022 firework rental season. In closing Kirk Meyers asked the board to reconsider having both firework vendors on the grounds for 2022. Jim Jansen made a motion to approve

fireworks rental for Kracklin Kirks fireworks – Kirk Meyer Motion failed for a lack of a second.

- d. Discussion of fireworks rental = Tactical 88
    - i. David discussed his opportunity to provide a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration for the community due to Kracklin Kirks firework donation
  - e. Open Meetings Act violations at February 2022 meeting – Kirk Meyers
    - i. Jim Jansen asked if there was any further discussion on this topic and there was no further discussion at this time.
  - f. Ratification of all actions taken by the board from April 11, 2021 to April 10, 2022 including the approval of the exclusive rental contract for firework sales with Wild Willy's Fireworks approved at the February 2022 board meeting.
    - i. Chad made a motion for ratification of all actions taken by the board from April 11, 2021 to April 10, 2022 including the approval of the exclusive rental agreement for firework sales with Wild Willy's Fireworks approved at the February 2022 board meeting seconded by Cody Ruff. Vote 9 yes, Dwayne Lang and Joe Smisek abstained, Motion carried.
  - g. Fair Person / Fair Business of the Year
    - i. Open discussion to start the thought process of who to pick for these awards this year.
  - h. Discussion and Approval of Meal Tickets for 2022
    - i. Nichole discussed with the Knights of Columbus, Methodist Church and the Methodist Youth group to determine what the value of the food coupon should be for 2022 they suggested the value to be between \$13 - \$15. Chad Hienert made a motion to approve the value of the coupon to be \$13.00 for the 2022 fair seconded by Curtis. Vote 11 yes, motion carried.
  - i. Discussion and Approval of the Advertising Budget for 2022
    - i. Cody made a motion to budget \$20,000 for advertising in 2022 seconded by Tanner Stock. Vote 11 yes, motion carried.
11. 4-H Report
- a. Brett will be hosting the Sarpy / Cass Ag Festival April 19, 21 and 22 in the 4H Building. There are 400 registered for the event.
  - b. Brett will work on getting an updated schedule for the fair
    - i. July 25<sup>th</sup> will be the dog show
12. Communication from the public
- a. Nichole Jansen said that Gretna Days reached out to get the upcoming fair dates for the next 3 years. Nichole is going to follow up with Sam's Amusement to get the dates.
  - b. Lift up Sarpy is running an ad in the Cass County papers, they wanted to know if we would be interested. The board said it would fall under the advertising budget.
13. Executive Session (if needed)
- a. Jim Jansen made a motion at 9:25 pm to enter executive session to discuss Concert insurance claim seconded by Chad Heinert. Vote: 11 yes, motion carried.
  - b. Jim Jansen made a motion at 9:43 pm to exit executive session seconded by Scott Voss. Vote: 11 yes, motion carried.

14. Adjourn motion made by Jim Jansen to adjourn the meeting seconded by Scott Voss  
Meeting adjourned at 9:44p.m. Vote: 11 yes, motion carried.