

Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.

*A Nebraska non-profit corporation, designated as 501(c)(3) by the IRS
and separate county-level political subdivision
created under Nebraska law in 1870 to promote agriculture & youth.*

MINUTES

Board of Directors Emergency Meeting 8pm - Monday, March 16, 2020

President Ronnau called the meeting of the Lancaster Country Agricultural Society to order at 8:02 p.m. It was made clear that no action would be taken during the meeting which is why the board could hold the meeting over teleconference in accordance of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. Proof of due notice was given to the Lincoln Journal Star.

Board members present were Rawlinson, Swanson, Cooper, Rutt, Ronnau, Suing, and Messick. Absent was Dowding. Also present were Managing Director Amy Dickerson and Legal Counsel Trent Sidders.

Guidelines Updates - Dickerson wanted the board to have time between this meeting and the monthly meeting on Thursday to process the updates given in this meeting. She gave updates to the board on the COVID-19 guidelines given by the CDC, Lancaster County, and the State of Nebraska. The Lancaster Event Center team has updated cleaning protocols, prepared for business continuity, and reached out to its vendors about event cancellations. At the time of the meeting, the CDC recommended that for the next 15 days, no more than 10 people should be gathered in any one location. LEC will not be operating throughout the rest of March.

Communication Updates - A press release was sent out on Saturday and another will be sent out to inform the public about what LEC is doing. LEC is keeping scheduled events on the website's calendar which will show what has been cancelled or postponed. Part-time team members are invited to an un-paid meeting on Thursday, March 19 to get questions answered about future work. LEC is not subsidized and is putting a hold on all expenditures. Non-essential members are being taken off the schedule. Dickerson spoke with both Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and Congressman Jeff Fortenberry. The mayor expressed her support. Congressman Fortenberry understands the difficulties of being a quasi-business. Most of the operations crew is being put onto the construction crew to keep people on the schedule. The National High School Rodeo is set on not cancelling. Another role LEC can play is to provide space, equipment, and crew if additional patient care space is needed to deal with COVID-19.

Items to add to March Monthly Meeting Agenda: Dickerson recommended that “events rental contracts” be added to Thursday’s Monthly Meeting Agenda. She will update the agenda.

Roll call was taken to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

President Ronnau

Secretary Cooper

Next meeting: March 19, 2020 at 7:00pm