



NEBRASKA STATE FAIR BOARD

Nebraska State Fair Board Room, Grand Island, NE
Virtual Meeting in accordance with Exec Order No. 02-03

Special Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2020

A special meeting of the Nebraska State Fair Board was held on Friday, March 27, 2020, at 1 pm. Public notice of this meeting was published in the March 25 & 26, issues of the Grand Island Independent newspaper and posted to the Nebraska Public meeting calendar website from March 25, 2020. The public was invited to attend via Zoom due to Covid-19 social distancing recommendations.

Roll call was read with the following members present: Dawn Caldwell, Vice Chair; Bob Haag, Secretary; Ryan Hassebrook, via Zoom; Lanna Hubbard, via Zoom; Jeremy Jensen, via Zoom; Kevin Jorgensen; Chris Kircher, via Zoom; Jeff Kliment, via Zoom; Kathleen Lodl, via Zoom; Chuck Rolf; Beth Smith, Chair; Boyd Strope, Treasurer, via Zoom; and Steve Wehrbein, via Zoom. Others in attendance at the board room were: Jaime Parr, Director of Sales and Tish Eckstrom, Executive Assistant.

Smith announced the meeting had been properly advertised as an open meeting and informed those in attendance of the posting location of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes of February 14, 2020 Meeting

There being no corrections:

Motion made by Caldwell to approve the minutes of February 14, 2020 meeting as printed.

Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Rolf made a motion to have new board members, who have only attended one meeting, abstain from voting regarding budget or on the Executive Director's employment.

Kircher seconded the motion.

Discussion by Strope, Hubbard, Haag, and Jensen.

Upon roll call vote, motion failed with Jensen, Kircher, Kliment, Rolf, and Wehrbein voting in favor. Caldwell, Haag, Hubbard, Jorgensen, Strope and Smith voting against.

2020 Budget

Motion made by Jensen to table the approval of the 2020 Budget until the next meeting.

Discussion by Smith, Jensen, Caldwell, and Rolf.

Kliment seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion failed with Jensen, Kircher, Kliment, Rolf, and Wehrbein voting in favor. Caldwell, Haag, Hubbard, Jorgensen, Strope, and Smith voting against.

Discussion by Jarrod Crouse.

**Motion made by Haag to approve the 2020 Budget presented at November 2019 meeting.
Caldwell seconded the motion.
Discussion by Jensen and Caldwell.
Haag withdrew motion after the discussion.**

Mileage reimbursement Policy

Discussion by Caldwell, Jensen, Lori Cox, Haag, and Jaime Parr.
Smith tabled any action until next meeting.

Executive Session- Personnel

Motion made by Haag to go into Executive session for discussion of Personnel matter to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

Strope seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote:

Voting in favor: Caldwell, Haag, Hubbard, Jorgensen, Kliment, Rolf, Strope, Wehrbein, and Smith.

Abstaining: Jensen and Kircher.

Motion passed. Smith stated reason for entering Executive session was to discuss a personnel matter to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

Entered into Executive session at 1:58 pm.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Rolf at 3:51 pm.

Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Haag to return to Open Session.

Seconded by Jorgensen.

Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Action Item- consider the employment contract of the Executive Director

Motion made by Caldwell to accept the Resolution negotiated between the Nebraska State Fair Board and Lori Cox and discussed by Board. Resolution was read aloud by Caldwell.

Seconded by Haag.

Discussion by Jensen, Smith, Kliment, and Kircher.

Upon roll call vote, motion passed with Caldwell, Haag, Hubbard, Jorgensen, Kircher, Strope, and Wehrbein voting in favor. Jensen, Kliment, and Rolf voting against.

Motion made by Haag to name Jaime Parr as Interim Executive Director.

Seconded by Jorgensen.

Discussion: None

Upon roll call vote, motion passed with Caldwell, Haag, Hubbard, Jorgensen, Kircher, Kliment, Rolf, Strope, and Wehrbein in favor. Jensen abstaining.

Other Business

Motion made by Strobe to add Caldwell and Smith as signatory authorities on the State Fair account at Five Points Bank.

Seconded by Haag.

Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion by Smith and Jensen on ongoing audit, internal investigation and plan to utilize Lori Cox as a consultant going forward.

Adjourn

Motion made by Rolf to adjourn.

Caldwell seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Time adjourned: 4:17 p.m.