

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
9:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Roma Amundson, Chair; Sean Flowerday, Vice Chair; Rick Vest and Christa Yoakum

Commissioners Absent: Deb Schorr

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska web site and provided to the media on July 29, 2019.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1) APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 25, 2019

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the July 25, 2019 Staff Meeting minutes. Amundson, Vest, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

2) EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL ADVICE – Jen Holloway, Lancaster County Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded to enter Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. for the purposes of receiving legal advice, labor negotiations and to protect the public interest.

The Chair said it has been moved and seconded that the Board enter Executive Session.

ROLL CALL: Amundson, Vest, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

The Chair restated the purpose for the Board entering Executive Session.

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded to exit Executive Session at 11:48 a.m. Amundson, Vest, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

3) LABOR NEGOTIATIONS – Doug McDaniel, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Resources Director; Nicole Gross, Lincoln-Lancaster County Compensation Manager; and Amy Sadler, Lincoln-Lancaster County Compensation Manager

See Item 2.

4) COUNTY WEED CONTROL REPORT – Brent Meyer, County Weed Control Superintendent

A. North American Invasive Species Management Association Conference (Saratoga, NY)

Meyer distributed an agenda for the conference (Exhibit A) and requested permission to attend. A \$1,000 grant from the Nebraska Weed Control Association will help cover travel expenses.

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded to approve the travel request. Amundson, Vest, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Phragmites Control Along Salt, Oak, and Middle Creeks

Meyer stated Oak Creek and Middle Creek will be sprayed for phragmites in September. The cost will be split 50/50 between the land owners and grant funds received from the Lower Platte Weed Management Area. Salt Creek will be covered by the grant funds.

C. Weed Season Update

Meyer said he will be on KZUM radio discussing weed abatement.

Regarding weed abatement, there have been 3,765 inspections with 1,811 requests for service and 95 enforcements.

Regarding noxious weeds, there were 2,702 inspections with 52 requests for service and 5 enforcements.

When asked about the status of vehicles, Meyer indicated one pickup is in the shop with a repair estimate of \$1,500.

Flowerday exited the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

5) CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. County Board Initiatives Update

No updates were given.

6) CHIEF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Appointments to the Aging Partners Areawide Council

Randy Jones, Aging Partners Director, reviewed the applicants.

- 1.** John Wyvill – Reappointment
- 2.** Vern Schulte – Reappointment
- 3.** Jenika Long – New appointment
- 4.** Dennis Buckley – New appointment

If reappointed, Wyvill and Schulte will be serving their second term. Each term is for three years and there is no limit on the number of terms a person can serve.

The appointments will be on the next Tuesday agenda.

B. Records Retention for Confined Animal Feeding Operations

Kelly Lundgren, Records Administrator, informed the Board she has set up folders within the County's Electronic Records Management System (ERMS) for the Commissioners' to archive communications on the upcoming Wheel Tax and Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) hearings.

Yoakum asked how social media is archived. Ames answered Page Freezer archives the County's social media accounts. She reminded the Board to always separate personal social media accounts from County accounts. Communications received at non-County accounts can be forwarded to the County accounts for archiving.

7) DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Lancaster County Chair/Vice-Chair Meeting with Planning – Amundson/Flowerday

Amundson reported discussion was held on the appointment of Planning Commission members, CAFO progress, the City's solar ordinance plan, the County solar ordinance plan and today's special permit for historic designation.

8) SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

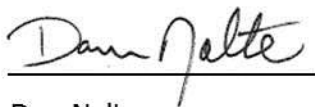
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9) EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

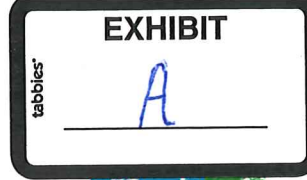
10) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded to adjourn at 12:11 p.m. Amundson, Vest and Yoakum voted yes. Schorr and Flowerday were absent. Motion carried 3-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk





2019 NAISMA - NYISRI

Joint Conference

"Connecting Science to Action"

September 30 - October 3 | Saratoga Hilton | Saratoga Springs, NY

Registration is now open for the 2019 North American Invasive Species Management Association - New York Invasive Species Research Institute joint conference. Please join us for presentations, workshops, tours, and special symposia that highlight successful initiatives that bridge the gap between science and action across geographic, political, and and public-private boundaries.

Click here for more information and to register

With Keynote Speakers:



Dr. Jeff Morisette

National Invasive Species
Council Secretariat

*Connecting science to
action from a federal
government perspective*



Dr. Bethany Bradley

University of
Massachusetts Amherst

*Implications of climate
change for invasive
species*



Allison Catalano

Imperial College, UK

*Learning from failure in
conservation*



Dr. David Lodge

Atkinson Center for a
Sustainable Future
Cornell University

*Connecting science
to action*



Dr. William Powell

State University of NY
College of Environmental
Science and Forestry

*How to produce a blight-
tolerant American
chestnut tree.*



Dr. Bernd Blossey

Cornell University

*How to measure success
in invasive species
management*

Thomas Lewis, Trillium Invasive Species Management, INC

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

9:15 am - 10:45 am

New Frameworks for Assessing Invasive Species Management

Growing or shrinking? Measuring the responses of populations to management

Wade Simmons, Graduate Student, Cornell University; Dr. Andrea Davalos, SUNY Cortland; Dr. Bernd Blossey, Cornell University

Promoting Accountability in Invasive Plant Management through Outcome Monitoring - Case Studies from the Adirondacks

Brendan Quirion, The Nature Conservancy

What can bird and frog calls tell us about invasions?

Stacy B Endriss, Cornell University; Bernd Blossey, Cornell University; Holger Klinck, Bioacoustics Research Program

Additional Presentation TBA

CISMAs, CWMAs, and Other Cooperative Partnerships

Collective Impact: The Power of Collaborating with The Stewardship Network

Lisa Brush, The Stewardship Network

Nebraska's Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force (RVMTF)

Brent Meyer, Nebraska Weed Control Association, Lancaster County Weed Superintendent

What a Long Strange Trip It's Been: 35 years of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council

Deah Lieurance, Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council/UF IFAS; Sherry Williams, Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council/ Seminole County

Pulling Together Initiative In Becker County Local Weed Management

Marsha Watland, Becker SWCD

Invasive Forest Issues Across the Continent

Invasive Species in Canada: Risks, Challenges, and Opportunities

David Nisbet, Invasive Species Centre; Colin Cassin, Invasive Species Centre

Plants, bugs, & fungus: invasive forest pest issues in southern forests

David Coyle, Clemson University