Adams County Agricultural Society

Emergency Meeting

Adams County Fairgrounds – East

September 19, 2026

Meeting time: 10:14 PM

I. Call To Order

a. **Purpose of the meeting is to discuss moving the 2nd & 3rd Perf for the Mid-States Finals Rodeo in Hastings to another location due to arena conditions due to weather conditions the night before and dirt work that attempted to amend the arena.**

II. Roll Call

Present were:

Name	Y	N		Name	Y	N		Name	Y	N
Reid Ayers	X			Jennifer Hartman	X			William Rathje	X	
Andrea Engel	X			Seth Andersen	X			Brad Stark	X	
Dwight Dunsworth	X			Chuck Holmberg				Kurtis Bumgardner	X	

I. Guests- Mid-States Board of Directors

II. Arena work

III. Potential relocation of event

Discussion surrounding the dirt work to amend the arena and that at this point Mid-States Rodeo Board Members questioned being able to hold the rodeo in the arena under the current conditions. They had asked our board to come up with a potential solution where we could all work together to still continue to hold the event for the contestants to finish out their finals

rodeo competition. We as a board talked about continuing to try to make the arena usable. Options of moving the rodeo to locations closer that did not have as much water in the arena were discussed and some phone calls were made to attempt to try to find suitable facilities. Mid-States Board members and Andersen went to Bladen, NE to look at what it would take to hold the rest of the finals rodeo for the contestants. At this meeting, Mid States Board members reported that the arena in Bladen would work to hold the rest of the finals rodeo, and continued to reiterate that they love to work with our board and the facilities/arena are always something that they appreciate working with and would like to continue to do so in the future, despite the large amount of rain that occurred during the Friday night (9/18/2026) rodeo performance. They asked that our board make a decision on this issue because of the current contract at our fairgrounds. Discussion was had about moving it vs. trying to continue to amend the dirt in the arena.

Motion: To move the 2nd and 3rd perf of the Mid-States Finals Rodeo to Bladen, NE on 9/19 and 9/20 due to the current arena conditions and forgo the 2nd and 3rd Perf without breach of contract or penalty to the contract to the Mid-States Rodeo Association and its members due to the poor arena conditions caused by a rainstorm and dirt work to amend the arena conditions.

Motion by: Andersen Seconded by: Ayers

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Y	N		Name	Y	N		Name	Y	N
Kurtis Bumgardner		x		Reid Ayers	x			Seth Andersen	x	
Jennifer Hartman		x		Dwight Dunsworth	x			Chuck Holmberg-absent		
Brad Stark- absent				Andrea Engel		x		William Rathje	x	

MOTION: **CARRIED** **FAILED**

Adjourn: 10:49 p.m.

1. Hartman 2. Bumgardner

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It is the intention of the Ag Society Board to take up the items on the agenda in sequential order. However, the Ag Society reserve the right to take up matters in a different order to accommodate the schedules of the Ag Society Directors, a person having items on the agenda, and the public.