

Approved Minutes – Lachat Town Farm Commission

January 7, 2025

Meeting Held in Person at the Lachat Town Farm Offutt Center

Attending: Katherine McConnaughey, Stirling Collins, Ellen McCormick, Bruce Plotkin, Nick Belle, Aidan Baker; Junior advisor, Anita Dinwoodie; Executive Dir.; Friends of Lachat Board Member, Alissa Stolz.

Meeting commenced at 7:37 pm

Minutes Motion made by Bruce Plotkin, Ellen McCormick Seconded, to approve minutes from our December 3, 2024 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events: Anita described what's ahead: The play "Seared" will be coming soon, we also talked about working on the sight lines for the play; There will be a fundraising event where Bill Taibbe will supply the food – we will need sponsors and we will have an auction at the event. There will be another immersive event outdoors for two weeks in May and they will most likely be the second and third week. Our children's programming will be increased and the cooking classes reduced slightly. Stay tuned for more.

Chairwoman's report: Kat gave a history of the Lachat Town Farm Oversight Committee, the Lachat Town Farm Commission, the Friends of Lachat and the differences. What's best for the farm will be an ongoing conversation in the coming months as well as a Major Plan for the future of the farm. There will be a sponsor discussion, the need for administrative help, and a property manager. Job descriptions are being written.

Committee Reports: ARPA funds were discussed and the future of property management.

Building maintenance: The golf cart needs to be fixed and is going for servicing shortly. The doors in the Offutt Center need to be weather stripped to prevent loss of heat and the hinges on the doors need to be fixed as well. We need to purchase kitty litter to put down on the barn floor because there has been a leak of fluids from one of the tractors. Ellen offered to get the litter.

Barnyard: There was a discussion about feeding the goats and it was decided that the children in the children's programming along with our teachers, are allowed to give the goats a minimal amount of snacks during their trip into the barnyard. The fact that the goats are being fed too much hay was also discussed.

A motion to allow the children to feed the goats was made by Stirling Collins and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24. The next meeting will be at the farm on February 4th, 2025.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Ellen McCormick