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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 6/30/2017

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
Barton County Farm Bureau Assoc.
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
4210 8th Street
 City or town State ZIP code
Great Bend KS 67530-0458
 Foreign country name Foreign province/state/county Foreign postal code

D Employer identification number
48-0571765

E Telephone number
620-792-2236

F Group Exemption Number ►

G Accounting Method. ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ►

H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ► N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (5) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ► \$ 62,647

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	7,400	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2		19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	42,948	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	4	10,145	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a			
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b			
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0		
6	Gaming and fundraising events				
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a			
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b			
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c			
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	21		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b			
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	21		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	2,133		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	62,647		
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	2,500		
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11			
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	17,243		
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13			
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	3,663		
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,649		
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	26,405		
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	51,460		
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	11,187		
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	260,251		
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20			
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	271,438		

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Part II Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	259,443	22	269,729
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	1,593	24	2,489
25 Total assets	261,036	25	272,218
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	785	26	780
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21).	260,251	27	271,438

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III. ☐What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Educate/improve life quality

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

28 All activities offered to educate and/or improve quality of life for members. Programs offered to all members include health, safety, citizenship and marketing. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32 Total program service expenses. (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>	32 0

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Tim Maier President	Hr/WK .00			
Brad Birzer Vice-President	Hr/WK .00			
Sharon Hiss Treasurer	Hr/WK .00			
Darren Nicolet Board Member	Hr/WK .00			
David Strecker Board Member	Hr/WK .00			
Andrew Sieker Board Member	Hr/WK .00			
Lora Zink Board Member	Hr/WK .00			
Jerry Morgenstern Board Member	Hr/WK .00			
Tom Burns Board Member	Hr/WK .00			
	Hr/WK			
	Hr/WK			
	Hr/WK			

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V. ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O.	33	X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions).	34	X
35 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	X
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N.	36	X
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a	37a	
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38 a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶, section 4912 ▶, section 4955 ▶		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶		
42 a The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>Office Secretary</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>620-792-2236</u> Located at ▶ <u>4210 8th St.</u> City <u>Great Bend</u> ST <u>KS</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>67530-0458</u>		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	42b	X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	42c	X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
45 b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	X

- 46** Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.
- 48** Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.
- 49 a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?
- 50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Name None				
Title	Hr/WK .00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK .00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK .00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK .00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK .00			

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

- 51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None		
City		
Name		
City		
Name		
City		
Name		
City		
Name		
City		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

- 52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer <i>Shary Niss</i>	Date <i>Sept 27, 2017</i>
	Type or print name and title <i>Shary Niss Treasurer</i>	Date <i>9/27/2017</i>

Paid Preparer Use Only	Pnn/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

Barton County Farm Bureau Assoc.

Employer identification number

48-0571765

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue Return of premium: 693

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue Membership awards: 1,440

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Depreciation: 491

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Advertising: 1,229

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Awards & Prizes: 220

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Board Expense: 434

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Chamber Dues: 160

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Fair Expense: 997

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Insurance: Master Group Liability: 556

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Office Expense: 811

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Internet: 65

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Miscellaneous: 900

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Contributions: 1,117

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Gifts & Flowers: 20

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Taxes Secretary of State: 40

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses New/Old Board Dinner: 1,095

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Travel: 2,828

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Committees: 5,202

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Meetings: 10,112

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Seminars Marketing: 128

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets Equipment less accumulated depreciation

Beginning of year: 1,593, End of year: 1,102

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets Dues receivable Beginning of year: 0, End of

year: 1,387

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Liabilities Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses Beginning

of year: 785, End of year: 780

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2016)