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# FarmAid on again, officials say

## Mayor gives credit to public for support

By Mick Dyer  
Staff Reporter

"On the road again..." is how Mayor Bill Harris began his press conference last Friday.

The mayor announced that after plans for holding the FarmAid benefit concert in Memorial Stadium had been canceled, concert organizers and university officials have reconciled their differences. Negotiations are underway again, he said. Harris congratulated Gov. Kay Orr and the University of Nebraska and remarked that their "spirit of cooperation" was instrumental in reopening the talks.

Harris also gave credit to the public, referring to their strong and immediate response against cancellation of the benefit concert.

"This demonstrates how in Nebraska and the United States the people decide," Harris said. Harris seemed confident that obstacles to the successful production of FarmAid III in Lincoln could be overcome, adding, "in business you have got to have the attitude that you can make it work."

In other news, Harris discussed progress in locating a new landfill site for handling the city's waste. Negotiations are underway and Harris indicated private enterprise as one alternative under consideration. Harris stressed that the landfill must be ecologically sound and cost-effective to best use taxpayers' money.

In terms of redevelopment of downtown Lincoln, Harris outlined his plans for a trip to several Midwestern cities to evaluate Taubman projects, both under construction and completed. The Taubman Corporation is a potential



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Mayor Bill Harris sings a bar of Willie Nelson's "On The Road Again" at a press conference Friday where he announced that negotiations for FarmAid III have resumed.

developer for downtown Lincoln.

Harris also outlined plans for his trip to the National Mayors' Conference in Nashville, Tenn. He will focus on learn-

ing about economic development plans being established in other cities, problems other cities are encountering and meeting mayors of other cities.

# Kerrey white knight of FarmAid tale

By Charles Lieurance  
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Ex-governor Bob Kerrey played white knight in the face of the public and governmental furor that met last week's announcement that the FarmAid III benefit concert would not be held in UNL's Memorial Stadium due to technical difficulties.

Kerrey, a personal friend of FarmAid organizer Willie Nelson, arranged a meeting between Lincoln Mayor Bill Harris and the singer-songwriter to discuss plans for the concert. While Kerrey was governor he initiated negotia-

tions to bring the concert to Lincoln.

After the conversation between Kerrey and Nelson, Harris stated that Nelson was "100 percent positive" about holding the concert in Lincoln.

Although Kerrey says he is not directly involved in the present negotiations with FarmAid people, he says Nelson and he have been in communication about difficulties in holding the concert in Lincoln for about two weeks.

"I simply expressed to Willie that Nebraska really wants FarmAid here," said Kerrey.

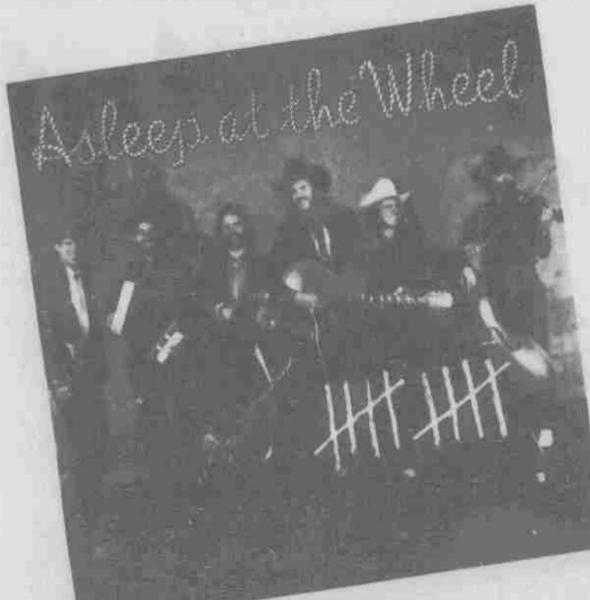
He also said that the current negotiations have the full support of university

officials.

Last week a letter from Joel Cherry, FarmAid attorney, to UNL Vice Chancellor Jack Goebel surfaced admonishing UNL for dragging its feet on contract preparation and stating that the concert would not be held at UNL.

Goebel said Wednesday that communication lines between FarmAid event coordinator Tim O'Connor, Cherry and UNL are open again.

Goebel said that FarmAid officials will most likely visit the UNL campus next week to meet with "various UNL professionals" and complete contract arrangements.



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