

**Dakota County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Meeting
February 6, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Mark Henry, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Present: Mark Henry, David Franzen, Pete Storlie, Mark Malecha , Cathy Busho, Greg Casura, Jeff Wright arrived 7:07pm), Mike Slavik, Dan Muller (arrived 7:11pm)

Board Absent: Roger Janak, Ed Barrett, Marge Snyder

Staff Present: Gannon O'Meara – DCAS Maintenance Foreman

Guests Present: Len Storlie, Mike Busho, Dan McNulty and Bob Helman

The January 3, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion by Mark Maleca, second by David Franzen. Motion carried

Visitors

No Visitor comments or questions

Dakota City Report

New Dakota City President Bob Helm gave a report. The by-laws created some challenges with getting the year started. They will be resolved this year and hopefully will not happen again. The board is working on some strategic objectives and looking to be more focused. The Auditor will be presenting at the February meeting and the bookkeeper (Reese Winter) will be presenting at the March meeting.

Office Manager Report

Written report presented. Office Manager is looking for direction on the 2017 Ramble Jam contract. The President will speak with Rotary for clarification and decision will be made at the regular March meeting.

Maintenance Foreman Report

Monthly report given. Highlights include office chairs that were donated to the Ag Society within the last month. Three chairs will go to the finance office.

Finance Committee Report

Treasurer David Franzen presented financials and checks and claims. Balance sheet was presented showing no liabilities and cash similar to previous year.

Motion to pay checks as presented by David Franzen, second by Dan Muller. Motion carried.

Sales and Marketing Committee Report

Chair Greg Casura gave an update on preparations for the 2017 Fair. Committee is looking at event/rain insurance. Discussion on increase in pit prices and the demo derby event on Thursday.

Motion by Director Casura, second by Director Busho to send pit pass and Thursday Derby to the next Sales and Marketing meeting and solicit input from Director Wright on this topic. Motion carried.

Motion by Director Malecha, second by Director Mueller to allocate \$6500 to Mike Tix for the Thursday Derby contingent on approval of the sales and marketing committee on 2-13-17. Motion carried.

Facilities Committee Report

Facilities report given by Dan Muller.

Motion by Director Wright, second by Director Malecha to authorize staff to write a grant for new Sheep/Goat pens.

Building Committee Report

Chair Greg Casura gave an update on the status of the new 4H Building.

Building meeting canceled as construction numbers were slowly coming in. Steel is estimated at \$300k with overall estimated cost of \$834k. Chair Casura stated the committee will start sharpening the pencil to get costs down.

Old Business

Insurance Claim – Question if insurance check should be cashed since we are shopping for new insurance.

Motion by Director Busho, second by Director Muller to hold insurance claim check and have the treasurer contact insurance agent working towards new insurance to see if claim will have an impact on new potential insurance policy. Treasurer is authorized to make decision and will report back to the Board with direction prior to next meeting.

New Business

Motion by Greg Casura, second by Dan Muller to appoint Agricultural Society members Bobbi Lane, Mike Busho and Ed Plant to the Sales and Marketing Committee. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Slavik -Secretary