

Dakota County Agriculture Society
Board of Director Meeting
February 5, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7p.m. by President Jeff Wright, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Henry, Sara Dingels, Cathy Busho, Greg Casura, Marge Snyder, Roger Janak, Neil Deplazes, Ed Barrett Pete Storlie, Mary Hendricks and Dan Muller. Absent: Mark Malecha. Others present: Staff- Kristine Smith. Guests: Lenard Storlie, Mike Busho and Gordy Peters.

Motion was made by Henry and seconded by Casura to approve the agenda for February 5th with additions of: Sales & Marketing- Volunteers, Baseball Team. Old Business: Camping rates and By-Law approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janak and seconded by Barrett to approve the January 10th minutes with the correction of changing Ag Star to Dept. of Ag. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors: Gordy Peters appeared for the Two-Cylinder Club and The Machinery Men. He is looking for new members to help them. He also is putting together a list of what they do. Al Singer from the county spoke on The County Land Conservation, the Natural area easement which was acquired in 2011, the Natural Resource Building and the upcoming land conservation plan from the county. The first land which was acquired for conservation was in 1967.

Dakota City Report:(See report attached.)

Finance Committee Report: (See report attached.) Discussed the pay rates, and what consists of a half day for superintendents. This was decided to go back to finance and they would come back to the March Meeting. Neil Deplazes said the county money had come and the amount was \$191,117.00.

Motion by Deplazes and seconded by Busho to move \$50,000.00 of the \$191,117.00 to the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deplazes and seconded by Busho to move \$20,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the general checking to be used for the PA system on the grounds, when a contract has been completed. Motion carried unanimously. Also to advance Soundwave material cost, not labor. There should be two contracts, one for operation and one for installation. It was decided that the contracts should go to the attorney to be looked over.

Motion by Busho and seconded by Muller to approve the claims list. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Barrett and seconded by Janak to approve the financial report subject to audit.
Motion carried unanimously.

Sales & Marketing Report: (See report attached.) Motion by Casura and seconded by Deplazes to hire IV-Play for Saturday night of the Fair. Motion carried unanimously.

Commercial exhibits update by Storlie- Contracts have been coming in fairly well. He is hoping to get some new vendors. He is also working on getting volunteers.
Storlie asked to use the fencing again this year for the Lakeville baseball all-star festival events, in exchange for putting up our banners at all their events.

Motion by Busho and seconded by Muller to approve the use of the fencing. Motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Report: (See report attached) Discussion on the legacy grant for \$10,526.00. This grant application has been applied for.

Motion by Janak and seconded by Muller to use \$1,579 of the grant money to rent a tent to be used for the chautauqua, subject to the reception of the grant.

Motion by Janak and seconded by Dingles to use the \$10,526.00 grant money for the projects listed: Horse Arena floor, French drain/new lumber, milking parlor, upgrade electrical in horse and cattle barn and coops & crocks for rabbits. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deplazes and seconded by Muller to allow the Support our troops to use the 4-H building for the first two weekends in October for their haunted house. They will volunteer to run the information booth during the fair. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Camping rates: Motion by Muller and seconded by Deplazes to approve that the camping rates for non-electric sites is \$35/day and \$300/month. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Henry and seconded by Storlie to approve the By-Laws as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Discussion held on the vandalism on the fair grounds.

Motion by Henry and seconded by Casura to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Marge Snyder
Secretary of DCAS