

**Dakota County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Meeting
July 10, 2017**

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

Board Present: Mark Henry, Pete Storlie, Cathy Busho, Greg Casura, Jeff Wright, Mike Slavik, Marge Snyder (arrived 7:03pm), Ed Barrett, Roger Janak, Mark Malecha, Dan Muller

Board Absent: David Franzen

Guests Present: Leonard Storlie, Don Storlie, Monica Vanderborght, Laurel Glewwe, Andrew Johle, Arlyn Lamb, Henry Fox, Mike Busho, Bob Helman, Mark Bigalow

Staff Present: Kristine Smith

The agenda was approved with the addition of potential memorial site under new business and cameras under old business. Motion by Greg Casura, second by Cathy Busho

The June 5, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion by Cathy Busho, second by Marge Snyder. Motion carried.

Visitors

A group of vendors from the farmer's market shared their concerns, frustrations and suggested ways to improve the 2017 Farmer's Market.

The Lakeville Baseball Association thanked the Ag Society for the use of fencing for their event in June. Over 500 people were in attendance.

Dakota City Report

Dakota City President Bob Helm gave a report and reviewed the tractor letter.

Discussion regarding the Ag Society contributing 2% of 2016 gate sales to the village as had been done in the past, if years were good. Consensus was to not do this practice in 2017.

Motion by Cathy Busho, second by Pete Storlie to limit building hours in the Village to 10am – 8pm with the exception of the Drug Store, which will be open until 9pm.

Office Manager Report

The building inspections are scheduled. The tenant is moving out in August/September. Mosquito spraying is scheduled.

Maintenance Foreman Report

No report this month.

Finance Committee Report

Financials and checks and claims were presented.

Motion to pay checks as presented by Mark Malecha, second by Dan Muller. Motion carried.

First look at the budget. Agreement that approval should wait for better numbers from the 2017 fair.

Sales and Marketing Committee Report

Chair Greg Casura gave an update on preparations for the 2017 Fair. Discussion on 4H parking.

Motion by Director Casura, second by Director Storlie pay up to \$810 for the fiddle contest and \$450 for the talent contest. Additionally, if numbers do not improve for the talent contest, to look at other organizers to run the event in 2018. Motion carried.

Discussion on Rain Insurance. Motion by Director Janak, second by Director Busho to obtain rain insurance Wed- Sat of the fair for .25 inch of rain at \$20,000. Motion carried 6-5. Voting no: Slavik, Storlie, Wright, Snyder, Muller.

Motion to approve small entertainment contracts (still under budget) by Greg Casura, second by Mark Malecha. Motion carried.

Admission policy was revised and recommended changes presented to Board. Motion by Greg Casura, second by Dan Muller to approve changes. Motion approved.

Motion by Greg Casura, second by Mark Malecha to put current billboard advertising on Horse Barn using fair staff and pay Fredrickson \$200 for transferring the advertising on the billboard. Motion carried. Voting no: Busho

Facilities Committee Report

Facilities report given.

Motion by Director Barrett, second by Director Janak to purchase an industrial ceiling fan in the Children's Barn for \$1285. Motion carried

Building Committee Report

Lori Wikk and Scott Qualey are reviewing code and design.

Old Business

Director Muller requested an update on the camera system that was approved at a previous meeting. Still working on this item and referred to Facilities Committee.

New Business

Discussion regarding public safety having access to buildings on the property. Motion by Slavik, second by Barrett to purchase Security Box/Knox box to be placed in Ahlberg Hall. Motion carried.

The local elected officials received a complaint letter from a resident regarding noise at Mopar. The letter was shared with all board members.

Discussion regarding a temporary memorial site for the individual recently found on the grounds. Motion By Muller, second by Casura to designate a spot on the grounds until fair. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Slavik -Secretary