

Dakota County Agriculture Society
Board of Director Meeting
June 4th, 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, Neil Deplazes, Ed Barrett, Pete Storlie, Mary Hendricks and Dan Muller, Roger Janak. Absent: Mark Malecha. Others present: Staff- Kristine Smith. Guests: Mike Busho, Mark Bigalow, Henry Fox and Kris Akin.

Items added to the agenda: New business- Midwest Mopar and sign-up genius, Rain Insurance and director attendance, reschedule meetings

Facilities- Lighting update and Easement update. Sales and Marketing- Fair passes for vendors.

Approval of Agenda - Motion by Busho and seconded by Barrett to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Barrett and seconded by Deplazes to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Dakota City Report :(See Report attached)

Finance Committee Report: (See report attached.) Motion by Busho and seconded by Henry to approve the claims list as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Sales & Marketing Report: (See report attached.) John is still working on the sound system. Motion by Casura to approve the contract for the 911 Memorial for \$14,000 instead of the \$12,000. Seconded by Muller. Motion carried unanimously.

Question was asked, who would do the closing of 3rd and 4th street during the fair. This would be the Parking superintendent.

Vendor passes – Motion by Muller and seconded by Henry to give a Fair week pass to all vendors, which is 6 gate tickets and 1-week parking pass. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the vendors on 2nd street.

Facilities Report: (See report attached.)

Motion by Muller and seconded by Casura to approve \$1295.00 for the street signs from M&R Signs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Muller to extend the Master Gardeners contract to November 30th, 2018. Facilities are to work on a new contract. Motion seconded by Storlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Muller and seconded by Deplazes to approve the quotes from Helm Electric for Fair time and Pre-fair. Motion carried unanimously.

Henry spoke on the report which he presented to Mr. Al Singer on the easement property. Mr. Singer than gave a report to the County Board.

Storlie brought up to change all our lights to LED lighting. This is something we should start to work on after fair.

Storlie brought up that Apple Auto could be put by the red barn so maybe we could move the cart rental to Exhibit Hall West.

New Business:

Busho brought up Mopar and the possibility that we may lose them as they want to put up more signage on the road of their event. This is a county rule and they will work with the county on this.

Busho brought up that we should check into using sign up genus for employment.

Casura discussed the Rain Insurance. Motion by Casura to get the Rain Insurance for 4 days, August 8th – August 11th at the cost of \$4413.00 plus \$300.00. Motion seconded by Busho. Discussion was held, and the motion was tabled. Casura will come back to next meeting with more information.

Casura brought up that Malecha has missed 4 meetings since the new By-Laws were approved. The President or the Ex Board will discuss this with Malecha.

Discussion on the meeting dates. Motion by Muller to hold the August meeting on July 30th and the September meeting on September 10th and the July meeting to June 25th. Motion seconded by Henry. Motion carried unanimously.

Muller reported on the \$10,000 donation from Support our Troops Haunted House.

Motion by Muller and seconded by Casura to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Submitted by
Marge Snyder
Secretary of DCAS