

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by President Mark Henry, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Present: Mark Henry, David Franzen, Pete Storlie, Cathy Busho, Greg Casura, Jeff Wright arrived 7:07pm), Mike Slavik, Dan Muller, Marge Snyder (arrived 7:05pm), Roger Janak,

Board Absent: Ed Barrett

Guests Present: Mike Busho, Dan McNulty, Kevin Roach, Jeff Allbee and Bob Helman

The agenda was approved with the addition of Employee Review under New Business. Motion by Roger Janek, second by Dan Muller.

The February 6, 2017 minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Director Muller's name on page two of the minutes. Motion by Dan Muller, second by David Franzen. Motion carried

Visitors

Kevin Roach and Jeff Allbee were present from the Farmington Fire Relief Association to discuss the fire barn. Project over budget and they will be making an additional \$5000 donation to cover the extra cost.

Dakota City Report

Dakota City President Bob Helm gave a report. The Auditor presented at the February meeting and the bookkeeper (Reese Winter) will be presenting at the March meeting. Committee assignments are done and committees are starting to meet.

Office Manager Report

Written report presented from Office Manager.

Maintenance Foreman Report

Monthly report given.

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.

Dakota County has sent the check for the new building, which has resulted in cash assets over \$250,000. Banks will only insure assets up to \$250,000 for the Agricultural Society. Treasurer Franzen will make sure the DCAS does not exceed \$250,000 in any of their accounts.

The insurance claim has been cashed and a new insurance proposal should be complete in April.

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.

Motion by Director Casura, second by Director Muller to set Grandstand prices and pit pass the same as last year with the exception of Tuesday 13 and up \$6 and under 12 free. Motion carried.

Motion by Director Casura, second by Director Storlie for entries to be in on Sunday, not Monday. Motion carried.

Motion by Director Casura, second by Director Wright to accept contract with Mike Tix for Grandstand activities. Motion carried.

Facilities Committee Report

Facilities report given by Dan Muller.

Motion by Director Muller, second by Director Wright to enter into a 5-year usage agreement with the Two-Cylinder Club in exchange for improvements to the garage and two mowings per year.

Building Committee Report

Chair Greg Casura gave an update on the status of the new 4H Building. Presented a proposed contract with the University on usage that was not acceptable to the DCAS. Lengthy discussion on next steps. Motion proposed.

Motion by Director Muller, Second by Director Snyder

The Dakota County Agricultural Society affirms its commitment of a \$500,000 maximum contribution towards construction costs for a new 4H Building, including interior and exterior enhancements. Any dollar amount over this amount would need to come from sources outside of the Agricultural Society.

Motion passed.

Old Business

President Henry met with representatives of the Farmington Rotary regarding the Ramble Jam contract and concerns regarding camping. Consensus was to move forward as planned.

New Business

Director Janak shared the employee review process and requested the board to fill out the evaluations on our full-time employees. Director Snyder announced she will not participate due to relational status of employees.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Slavik -Secretary