

Dakota County Agriculture Society
Board of Director Meeting
March 8th, 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. Absent: Mark Malecha and Roger Janak. Others present: Staff- Kristine Smith. Guests: Lenard Storlie, Mike Busho and Chris Akin.

Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Storlie to approve the agenda for March 8th, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Barrett and seconded by Deplazes to approve the February 5th, 2018 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Dakota City Report :(There was no written report.) They have their newsletter out. They also have a committee for the fundraising event in fall. Victorian Tea is set for May 5th, 2018. Cynthia Wise is the new office and program coordinator. Terry Lomas is seasonal maintenance and event support staff and Rhonda Rademacher is working as bookkeeper.

Office Manager Report: Received the Grant from the Minn. Department of Ag. for \$12,105.00. The 2-cylinder club had been asked to write a report on what they do. This report has been finished and is attached. The employment application and volunteer application are being looked at by the Executive Committee.

Finance Committee Report: (See report attached.) Discussed the report to Dakota County, some of the items to be put on the report could be: PA system, New Truck, Commercial building repairs, and others.

Discussed the pay rates for Fair: Parking and Asst. Superintendents to be raised to \$10.50 per hour, and no overtime.

The truck purchase: the county has one between \$15-16000.00. This will be relooked at in April. Check Listing- Motion by Muller and seconded by Busho to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wright and seconded by Barrett to approve the Finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deplazes and seconded by Muller to appropriate \$4000.00 to do all 4 zones for the PA system. Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested by Storlie that all departments bring back to the next meeting what they have paid out in payroll last year. This should go to finance meeting first.

Sales & Marketing Report: (See report attached.) Casura gave report on different events being looked at for the fair. Motion by Storlie and seconded by Busho to approve the sales brochure for (7keys 7days). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Casura and seconded by Storlie to approve a contract for Forever Wild. It would be the same contract as last year. Two opposed to the motion (Henry and Casura) Motion carried.

Motion by Casura and seconded by Busho to approve the 6 nights of bands. Motion carried unanimously. The list of bands is in the report.

Motion by Storlie to hire Mike Slavik to get sponsorships for the fair. He is asking for 15% of new sponsorships. A contract will be drawn up for this year only. Seconded by Barrett. 4 opposed (Muller, Henry, Busho, Casura) Motion carried.

Storlie is going to work with Mr. Slavik and the Office manager and President on finalizing the contract.

Casura also reported that we are going to keep the Fair hours the same as last year.

Facilities Report: (See report attached) Motion by Muller and seconded by Henry to approve the contract for the PA system with first payments of \$15,500.00 and after completion \$7,650.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Muller and seconded by Barrett to Reskin the Red Commercial Building and new windows and service doors at the cost of \$32,400.00. Opposed (Busho.) Motion carried.

Muller discussed the old red building to be restored. This was the old original 4-H building. Discussed the County truck, it's a 2008 and comes with a 10' plow.

Muller made motion to allow Dakota City to insulate the drug store for \$1,154.00 and the church for \$1,022.00. Seconded by Barrett. This would be paid by Dakota City. Motion carried unanimously.

Henry brought up building a Kiosk for the easement property, which was discussed with Mr. Singer. We will get a cost for this and maybe have the maintenance foreman build it.

Old Business:

New Business: Mr. Barrett suggested we have a beef jackpot show in place of the beef open show. Motion by Barrett and seconded by Dingles to hold a beef jackpot show with the fair paying for the judge and \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Hendricks brought up that someone from the Ag. Society Board should go to the Dakota City Board meeting and explain the operations agreement.

Motion by Henry and seconded by Muller to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40p.m.

Submitted by
Marge Snyder
Secretary of DCAS