

**Dakota County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 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, Ed Barrett, Roger Janak, David Franzen

Board Absent: Mark Malecha, Dan Muller

Guests: Tom Novak

Staff Present: Kristine Smith

The agenda was approved with the addition Building Committee Report and Audit letter approval to new business. Motion by Greg Casura, second by Cathy Busho

The July 24, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion by Ed Barrett, second by Marge Snyder. Motion carried.

Visitors

Tom Novak, Dakota County Director of Public Service and Revenue stopped by seeking an update on the new 4-H building and get an update on fair finances.

Dakota City Report

Dakota City provided a written update. Discussion on allowing curator to use space in break room.

Motion: Agree to allow curator to use a 10 X10 desk space in the break room and reserve the right to end agreement with two weeks notice and contingent on Dakota City beginning re-negotiation of its contract with the Dakota County Agricultural Society. Motion by Pete Storlie, second by Cathy Busho. Motion Carried

Office Manager Report

Report given by Office Manager

Maintenance Foreman Report

No report this month.

Finance Committee Report

Financials and checks and claims were presented.

Motion: To pay checks as presented by David Franzen, second by Cathy Busho. Motion carried.

Looked at recent fair numbers and trends. Numbers not complete, but looks to be a financially good fair this year.

2017 Budget will be looked at one more time in the Finance Committee with approval at the October 2, 2017 meeting

Sales and Marketing Committee Report

Discussed the 2017 fair. Made notes of what went well and what could be improved upon for next year's fair. Discussion on the possibility of shortening the number of days of the fair. General consensus on reducing one day, but not specific day.

Motion: Move to table decision on reducing the fair length until no later than 11-6-17 so Sales and Marketing can evaluate. Motion by Busho, second by Snyder. Motion carried.

Facilities Committee Report

Facilities report given.

Motion: To approve new campground pricing for the 2018 season and consider a reservation process. Moved by Barrett, second by Wright. Motion carried.

Previous committee motions to approve bills were included in the approval of checks & claims.

Motion: Not to pay the bill for Bug Busters, Inc. of \$393.00 for services in the Village. Moved by Barrett, second by Wright. Motion carried.

Committee showed an estimate of a potential speaker system throughout the fair. Discussions will continue.

Building Committee Report

Building committee met and discussed future changes to get to bid package. Directors expressed continued concern over location and potential of going over budget. Also discussed was the current unmet maintenance needs of the buildings and grounds.

Motion: Stop proceeding with a new 4H Building, return the money to Dakota County and move forward with a strategic and capital improvement plan. Moved by Storlie, second by Busho. Motion carried unanimously

New Business

Discussion regarding by-laws and potential changes to be considered before the election of new members in November. Agreement to send out the by-laws before next meeting and come with ideas for changes.

Motion: Continue with the Mentor Hunt. Moved by Snyder, second by Busho.

Motion: Approve the contract for Audit Services for the next year. Moved by Franzen, second Busho.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Slavik -Secretary