

Dakota County Agriculture Society
Board of Director Meeting
September 9th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7p.m. by President Jeff Wright, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mike Busho, Neil Deplazes, Mark Henry, Roger Janak, Marge Snyder, Ariana Sorem, Pete Storlie, Sara Hallcock, Mark Malecha, and Ed Barrett.

Agenda: Old Business- Number of Board members

Agenda approval: **Motion** by Barrett and seconded by Malecha to approve the agenda with additions. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Malecha and seconded by Storlie to approve the minutes from the July meeting. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Visitors: The boys from the Mentor Hunt appeared to thank the Board for letting them have the Mentor Hunt.

Jamie & Rochelle Wakinitz from the carnival appeared asking if there were any questions or concerns for them. Also, their contract is up and asking about renewing it. They were also asked about the # of days for the fair and if it were shorter how this would affect them.

Dakota City Report: (See report attached). They feel it was a very good fair. The Chautauqua had 13 performances with about 1400 fair goers who watched it.

The t-shirts were new this year and well liked.

Working on tours.

Finance Committee Report: (See report attached.) **Motion** by Malecha and seconded by Sorem to approve the Claims list. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Motion by Deplazes and seconded by Malecha to approve the Finance report subject to audit.

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget- **Motion** by Malecha and seconded by Barrett to approve the budget as printed with adding \$20,000.00 for the 911 display expense. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Sales & Marketing Report: (No printed report.) Discussed the feedback of the Fair. If anyone has anything to add, contact Pete Storlie or Kris Smith or come to the meeting on Wednesday the 11th, 2019

Facilities Report: (See Report attached.) Grant: **Motion** by Janak to establish a committee for the Prairie easement restoration. This committee would be under the Facilities committee.

Motion seconded by Henry. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Discussed putting gravel on the south road and the gate to the grandstand.

A big Thanks to Dennis Hendrin for all the help with mowing this summer. The board will give him a \$100.00 gift card.

Old Business: Discussed the number of Directors. It was decided to contact the attorney about the process of doing this. The office manager will get back to the Board by E-mail.

New Business: Carnival Contract: **Motion** by Sorem to approve the contract with an addendum stating that we can change the length of the fair if decided. **Motion** seconded by Henry. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Auditor Contract: **Motion** by Malecha and seconded by Storlie to go with the same auditor. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Motion by Janak to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Deplazes. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Submitted by
Marge Snyder
Secretary of DCAS