

Dakota County Agricultural Society  
Board of Director Meeting  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Pete Storlie, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present- Ariana Sorem, Neil Deplazes, Ed Barrett, Jeff Wright, Sarah Dingles, Ashlyn Otto, Marge Snyder, Pete Storlie, Mark Henry, Sandy Weber, Mike Busho

Visitors present- Gannon O'Meara, Kristine Smith, David & Doreen Kennedy,

Agenda Approval-

- Add review under Finance  
Motion by Neil Deplazes, Seconded by Ed Barrett.  
**Motion** carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes-

- Motion by Neil Deplazes to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Jeff Wright.  
**Motion** carried, Mark Henry and Sandy Weber abstained.

Dakota City Report- Doreen Kennedy gave an update to the board.

- The Annual Meeting was held on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Not enough voting members to hold an election.

Finance Report-

- Neil Deplazes motioned to make some parking fee adjustments. Amend a motion to keep bus fees at \$20/day for buses and \$60/week for buses. Also, take away motorcycle weekly passes. No re-entry. Sarah Dingles seconded the motion.  
**Motion** carried unanimously.
- Neil Deplazes motioned to accept the financials, subject to audit. Ariana Sorem seconded the motion. **Motion** carried unanimously
- Neil made a motion on employee reviews - 3% pay increase for grounds foreman & 5% pay increase for Office Manager- Ed Barrett seconded the motion. **Motion** carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve claims list by Jeff Wright, seconded by Sandy Weber. **Motion** carried unanimously

Sales & Marketing-

- Budget cut was made to \$35,000
- Raising prices for the derby
- No donkey races at the fair on Monday

Facilities- No meeting was hosted in April, working on capital improvement list.

Old Business-

- Pay Lawrence tree invoice of \$94,000 minus the 10% retained amount on the chemical application of \$850. They will come back to make sure no trees are growing back this summer. A motion was made by Arianna Sorem to release funds of \$93,150 to Lawrence Tree Service, seconded by Sandy Weber. **Motion** carried unanimously.
- Discussion to wait 35 days before fair to cancel

New Business – Machinery Men

- Jeff motioned to not grow crops and seed it for hay in near future. Seconded by Ed Barrett. **Motion** carried unanimously.
- Quotes are to all be sent directly to the office.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Arianna Sorem, seconded by Mark Henry. **Motion** carried unanimously.