

Dakota County Agricultural Society

Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2024

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

Board Members Present- Pete Storlie, Marge Snyder, Ariana Sorem, Sarah Hallcock, Jeff Wright, Neil Deplazes, Mark Langer, Jim Herget, Melanie Storlie, John Hubener, Ed Barrett, Jim Noreault

Board Members Not Present- Ashlyn Otto

Visitors- none present

Approval of Agenda-

- Motion made by Neil Deplazes, Seconded by John Hubener. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of previous meeting minutes-

- Motion by Ed Barrett to approve the previous organizational meeting minutes with the change of the treasurer being nominated was John Hubener. Seconded by Sarah Hallcock Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Neil Deplazes to approve the December 11th meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ed Barrett. Motion carried unanimously.

Dakota City-

- John Storlie reported that they have met with the historical society and they are looking for the best way for DCHV to operate. John apologized for not getting the invite to the DCAS board for CITV. CITV was very successful and brought in over \$34,000 in cash and have not looked at the credit card sales yet. The DCHV reorg meeting is next Tuesday.

Executive-

- No report

Finance-

- Motion made by Jim Noreault to approve the financials. Seconded by Ariana Sorem. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Neil Deplazes to approve the check listings. Seconded by Marge Snyder. Motion carried.
- Motion by Neil Deplazes to accept the quote by Clifton, Larson, Allen LLP for their audit services. It is a three year engagement with costs being \$18,000 for 2023, \$19,500 for 2024, and \$21,000 for 2025. Seconded by John Hubener. Motion carried.
- Motion by Ariana Sorem to approve the increase of the weekly parking pass to \$40 from the \$30 it was last year. Seconded by Melanie Storlie. Motion carried.

Sales and Marketing-

- Melanie updated us on some entertainment which included the stilt walkers, the gardenway train club, and the lumberjacks. They are secured for 2024. They are currently working on a poster contest.

Facilities-

- Reviewed meeting with board members.

Old business-

New Business-

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.