

DIXON COUNTY AGI SOCIETY April 28, 2014 MEETING
Concord Senior Citizen's Center, Concord, NE

President Ron Koch called the meeting to order as published with 9 members present: Ronald Koch, Gene Bartels, Sandy Newton, Stephanie Brentlinger, Mike Rewinkel, Ryan Lubberstedt, Mark Muller, Don Cunningham and Allan Bauman. Absent Jeremy Kneifl and Gary Hank. Several guests were present and given time to express their opposition to a beer garden on the fair grounds.

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act information was posted by the entrance door.

Secretary Bauman's March minutes were sent to the Board and approved as sent.

Treasurer Newton's report was: General Fund Income \$3,026.65, Expenses \$2,106.26, Balance \$24,125.27, Savings \$5,568.69, Sinking Fund Income \$419.79, Expenses \$none, Balance \$15,196.46, Savings \$10,443.27. Stephanie motioned to accept the treasurer's report and pay pending bills. Mike 2nd. MCU.

Mike is going to check with Scott Huetig as to when the walk between the Ag Hall and Office could be done.

Mike will check with Silver Creek Electric on wiring the west restroom for hand dryers and breakers for the east track area.

Allan will call Warren Hanson on the grandstand repair and check with Dallas Roberts on the portable bleacher repairs.

Otter Creek Mechanical Inc. sent a bid of \$2267.00 for repair of the beef tie building and cow/calf building. The bid is for the replacement of the roof that was wind damaged and replacement of the rotted wood in the structure. Sandy motioned to accept the Otter Creek Mechanical Inc. bid. Stephanie 2nd. MCU.

Sandy reported the fair grounds have been fertilized.

An application to Dixon County Convention and Visitors Bureau for grant money has been submitted for advertising.

Jim Nelson will remove the hay off the fair grounds again by July 1st. He will pay \$300.00.

Martinsburg fund raisers for the Fire Hall will be contacted to see if they want to serve beverages at the barbeque. The Board will pay \$150.00 for this service.

The National Anthem Singers are: Sunday, the Gospel Group; Monday, Lori Larson; Tuesday, Tim Boeckenhauer's group; Wednesday, a volunteer is needed.

We have two 100 Year Farm Awards: Audrey Dohma and Randy Gensler.

Farmers Pride will provide a free breakfast Monday morning from 7:30 – 9:30.

Ryan said they have 3 trophies for the car show and 7 for the antique show.

The District 3 meeting had about 60 in attendance and many visited our fair grounds. We received many compliments on the conditions of the buildings and grounds. Thanks to the fair board members who were involved in putting this on.

After discussion of the Board, Stephanie motioned we hire the west camping area and play grounds mowed again this year. Mike 2nd. MCU.

Location of food vendors with trailers was discussed and a decision reached to locate 3 of them to the east of the bleachers on the east side of the track and south of the flag poles. We will trench in a new electric line to service them.

Scott Taylor, who is involved with the beer license to be used at the beer garden, spoke to us of specific rules of the type of fence needed around the beer garden. The fence must be either a minimum of 6 feet high and the type that you could not pass a bottle or can through or 2 fences 4 foot high and 4 foot apart. Our proposed beer garden would be in an area of 60 feet by 105 feet, south of the horse arena, north of the flag poles and east of the track. Stephanie motioned we use the 4 x 4 fence. Mike 2nd. MCU.

Sandy Newton shared with the Board that she received several calls asking Sandy to share with the Board the caller's opposition to the beer garden due to the callers being unable to attend the scheduled meeting. Sandy would like the Board to know that she thanked the callers for their opinions, shared the Board's reasoning and concerns at this time and encouraged them to attend the meeting if possible. She also stated to the callers that the Board had voted in favor of the beer garden at the February meeting and after discussion at the March meeting, that the motion would stand to have the beer garden. Two letters and a petition were presented to the Board during the 30 minutes allowed to the opposition of the beer garden and were later read to the Board for consideration. The petition was also reviewed. Rules for considering a petition valid are:

All signatures on a petition are checked to make sure they are registered to vote within their county.

Signers who are not registered to vote will not be counted.

All signatures must include the person's full name, their signature and the address listed on their driver's license or voter's registration card. In these cases, P.O. boxes do not count as a legitimate address.

Many of the other Board members stated they have been contacted in regard to the beer garden. Both for and against opinions have been voiced and written to the Board members.

Entertainment in the beer garden was tabled to the June 2nd meeting.

Next meeting is moved, because of the Memorial Day holiday, to June 2nd at 7:30 at the Concord Senior Citizens' Center, Concord, NE.

Meeting adjourned on Sandy's motion.

Allan Bauman
Secretary