

DIXON COUNTY AGI SOCIETY August 24, 2015 MEETING
Concord Senior Citizens Center, Concord NE

Vice President Mike Rewinkel called the meeting to order as published with 9 members present: Mike Rewinkel, Sandy Newton, Ryan Lubberstedt, Don Cunningham, Gene Bartels, Mark Muller, TJ Nelson, Gary Hank and Allan Bauman. Absent: Jeremy Kneifl.

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act information was posted by the entrance door. Secretary Bauman's July minutes were sent to the Board and approved as sent.

Treasurer Newton's report was: General Fund Income \$62,465.63, Expenses \$76,197.81, Balance \$33,891.67, Savings \$5580.46, Sinking Fund Income \$95.89, Sinking Fund Expenses \$5776.16, Balance \$7320.05. Savings \$20,463.15. Mark motioned to accept the treasurer's report and pay pending bills. Ryan 2nd. MCU.

Bids were reviewed on replacing the West Restroom. Sandy motioned to accept the Kenton Book Construction bid of \$26,674.00 for concrete and block work including doors, Brown Plumbing Heating A/C bid of \$10,585.75 for plumbing and fixtures and Mattes Construction bid of \$13,000.00 for the roof. TJ 2nd. Roll call vote: 9 Aye, 0 Nay. MCU.

The West Restroom will be 44' x 26'8" with an 8' x 44' covered stoop over the entrances. There will be 10 toilets which include 2 handicapped accessible, 2 urinals, 4 sinks and 4 showers which include 2 handicapped accessible.

The Dixon County Convention and Visitors Grant final report is being prepared to submit.

Four Board Directors' terms are expiring in November. TJ Nelson indicated he would run for a position. Gene Bartels indicated he will not run. Jeremy Kneifl was absent. And we have a fourth open position.

2015 Fair Review:

1. Horseshoes – Successful, have it again.
2. Parking – Keep parking out of Northwest Camping Area. Ribbons put up in parking area helped. Afternoon Tractor Pullers must move out of their parking area to make room for the evening. Livestock Trailers need to move to the southwest area of the fairgrounds by Tuesday morning.
3. Sunday Church – Nice attendance. Check with Christ the King in Ponca for the 2016 Fair.
4. Gospel Group – Good group, normal small crowd.
5. Car Show and Antiques – 45 cars and 70 tractors and machinery.
6. Barbeque – 1100 served. 1/2 pan combined of pork and beef left over. Keep same pounds of meat for 2016: 283# beef and 220# pork, after cooking.
7. Grandstand, Two Way Crossing – Heard great reports but very small crowd.
8. Carnival – Advance sales, OK. North sales could be better. Others about the same and West sales good. Rained out Tuesday about 8:30.
9. Horse Show – Good again. Team Sorting – About the same.
10. Tractor Pulls – Afternoon, normal. Outlaws, excellent. Could have had 80 pulls except it rained out in the middle. Tried 2 sleds which cut down on amount of time for commercials on big screen TV. A very large crowd.
11. Pedal Pull – 94 pulls, near record.

12. Demo Derby – Big crowd, car numbers were up.
13. Judging – Open class in livestock: We need to look at advance registration. Judges and superintendents need to check fairbook.
14. Machinery – Good exhibit.
15. Teen Dance – Small crowd. Maybe Monday night isn't the best. Only took in \$103.00 after 9:00.
16. Restrooms – Hard to keep presentable with rain and mud.
17. Campers – Advanced registration worked well with having locations numbered. Number of campers up.
18. Beer Garden – More people attending. The rain Tuesday evening chased most away.

Appreciation Supper and Budget Meeting is September 13th at 6:30 at the Allen Fire Hall.

There was machine damage to a tractor and packer during clean up. We will check with our insurance.

Projects for 2016 and things to fix:

A – Light socket in Commons, 2nd from north.

B – Horse trailer parking north and east of East Ticket Office.

C – Horse Arena announcer's stand.

D – Fix roof leaks in Office lounge and Quilt Room (NW corner of E room).

E – Review open class livestock premiums.

F – Reshape East Drive and rock or gravel on all roads.

G – Redo pens and gates in SE Cow/Calf Barn.

H – Better lighting in area north of Office and west of Ag Hall.

Present Dixon County Ag Society Constitution and Bylaws were handed out to Board members and will be discussed at the September meeting.

Tim Boeckenhauer had presented a bill for \$750.00 for the use of his sound equipment during the 2013 and 2014 Fair. Sandy motioned to pay the bill. Mark 2nd.
MCU.

Next meeting is September 13, 2015, 6:30 p.m., at the Allen Fire Hall.

Meeting adjourned on Mark's motion.

Allan Bauman, Secretary