

9/18/2024, Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting

Call to Order -The Meeting was called to order by Bill Erickson at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call: Nicole Rygh, Kent Lindemann, Bill Erickson, Brian Geffre, Dan Suckert, John Creese, Brent Haugen. Mike Nobis and Brock Tallackson by conference call. Beth Jansen, Charlotte Stoddard, Jonathan Haux, Kylin Cummings (MAP Peer Reviewer) and Brad Steadman were also in attendance.

Absent: Shane Cullen, Angela Smith, Matt Oye, David Groven

Agenda Approval: Kent moved, and Dan seconded. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda: Brian motioned to approve and seconded by John. Unanimously approved.

President's Report: No Report currently.

Finance Committee Report:

CDs were renewed minus the \$100,000 approved by Board at last meeting. Special events line and Fundraising Line looks to be coming under budget quite significantly but is being offset by Private Events, Mineral Rights, Admissions, and interest and dividend Lines and keeping expenses in check. Brad believes we may end the year slightly under budget in revenue and expenses.

Collections Committee

The Collection Committee met today prior to the board meeting. A few items were accepted into the collection and a batch was brought to the board for deaccessioning.

John Motioned for the following items to be deaccessioned:

1. Washing Machine: Donated in 1989. No provenance and no significant ties to the area. The item is large and could free up needed storage space.
2. Green Deere and Webber grain wagon: Donated in 1982 by Bob and Marilyn Bensen. Originally owned by John Holmen of Horace, ND. There is already a similar grain wagon in the collection that is in far better condition and is actively being exhibited.
3. McCormick-Deering corn cultivator: Donated in 1982 by Bob and Marilyn Bensen
4. Hospital Bed and table: Donated in 1972. The item has no history connected to Cass County.

5. Wheelchairs: One donated in 1976 the other in 1979, Both items have no personal history known about them nor any relevance to Cass County.

Ouse Family Farm Machinery:

These items were donated in 2010 by the Ouse family from rural Rothsay, MN. These items come from outside North Dakota, and take up a significant portion of storage space, it is proposed that these items be deaccessioned.

6. Manure spreader wagon, Brick Machine, Horse drawn seed planter, Tire bending machine, Horse drawn ice saw, Vegetable peeler, Blade Sharpener, Horsepower turning machine, Horse drawn Carriage, Hog crate, Wheel making machine, Avery Steel Separator.

Brett Seconded Motion, Motion Unanimously approved.

At This Time Charlotte introduced a MAP Deaccession Activity which was discussed.

Grounds Committee

It was reported that the duct work and windows were completed at Arthur, with the addition in progress. The law enforcement museum project is also underway and the roof on the phone building complete.

Volunteer Committee

The First Responders event is planned and set to go Sunday with Matt Oye giving the Welcome in Beths absence.

Safety Committee

No accident occurred on Pioneer Days, however there were a few volunteers including the blacksmiths who suffered heat related issues and were not in attendance or left early on Sunday.

Fundraising

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Arthur Town Hall update: work continues on or slightly below budget with addition and siding being completed this fall and inside work to be worked on this winter.

Reserve Funding: Moved as approved at last meeting.

Map Assessment: Kylin has been helping staff to determine the best way to address the deaccessioning of substantial amounts of items, reclassification of items throughout the

village, future storage, and care of the collection. A written report and recommendations will be provided in the next few weeks.

CD's: The two remaining CDs were renewed at 4.7% over seven months.

Volunteer Meal: will be catered for by Twisted Spork if available with Nicole determining menu etc.

New Business

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Village Center: The redevelopment of the village center was discussed with the removal of the two existing buildings occurring this fall and the potential for a recycled playground to be added. The Playground may go closer to Main building to ensure the center is left open for future redevelopment. It was also noted that the Playground may need some small repairs as it was removed due to complaints from the neighborhood of the city of Fargo neglecting the area. Beth will also be getting a quote for a replacement building of some kind to receive the \$118,000 remaining from the insurance company with the condition of rebuilding.

A brief discussion occurred on the Case Eagle needing to be restored and the possible project funders. The cost is \$35,000 quoted at this time. This is however still in the planning phase as the item will need to be deaccessioned by the collections committee and board prior to work.

Motion to Adjourn

6:13 pm Move to adjourn-Dan Seconded Brian. Unanimously approved.