

# Ag Committee Meeting Minutes

December 2018

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## Attendance

Present: Rob Thuringer – Chairman, Missy Lock, Mark Stoller, Carolyn Rudebush, Kevin Jaspers, Mark DeGroot, Melissa Palmquist, Darrell Gerdes, Jesse Letsche, Courtney Storm and Eric Hortness with the GMACC, and three guests from FFA.

Absent: Ben Fox, Lori Christensen, Tom Kahler, Dave Ellens, Terry Schultz, Cassie Viet, Tom Bloom, Austin Kesteloot and Corey Gerry.

## Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Courtney Storm on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Melissa Palmquist made a motion to approve minutes and the agenda, Kevin Jaspers seconded the motion. Both were unanimously approved as distributed.

## Review of Old Business

### Ag Scholarship

- No applications have been received so far
- We will schedule time with the schools to talk to students about submitting applications

### SD Ag Foundation Grant

- Application was submitted, and confirmation was received
- Funds will be used for an interactive tractor to be used at community events
- Winners will be announced in late December

### Ag in the Classroom

- SD Groundworks program had their presentation last month
- We may be interested in joining with them, not by giving funds directly to the organization, but through community events, such as:
  - giving the donation to the school to pay for the bus to bring children to the farm for tours
  - volunteering our time to assist in the classroom and on tours

## New Business

### Budget

- 2018
  - Dollars raised - \$14,095
  - Money spent - \$11,961.78
  - Excess - \$2943.22 right now. Should end at \$2,500
    - SD Groundworks Ag in the Classroom to help fund field trips
    - Local FFA chapter needs – banners for use in parades and events. We will look into the cost and talk to chapters to see if it is something they will use.
    - Give back to Chamber
- Carolyn Rudebusch made a motion to approve the purchase of a large insulated coffee carafe. Kevin Jaspers seconded. Purchase approved.
- Melissa Palmquist made a motion to approve \$1500 of the remaining funds to go to the Chamber, the additional remaining funds will be carried over to be used for the coffee jug, school banners and funding for SD Groundworks field trip. Darrell Gerdes seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion so carried.

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## Upcoming Events

### Sales Barn Event

- Dave will make arrangements to lead the event
- Event will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup>
- 2018 – bought 30 dozen cookies from Gary's Bakery, 5 cases of water from Lewis, 100 cups, coffee came from the sale barn, 125 blizzard coupons – may add two gallons of fruit punch

## Other Items

- Chamber Announcements

## Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Thuringer at 7:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. at the Second Street Diner conference room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Missy Lock