

Executive Committee Minutes

February 21, 2024, 6:00PM

Swarm Room, Spearfish Holiday Inn

Clint Pitts called the meeting to order at 6:04PM mountain time with Lynn Diebert, Ron Moehring, Nathan Jagim, Darwin Kurtenbach, Bill Walker, Michael Stenson, Keith Goen and Gary Pribyl present.

Ron moved to approve the minutes September 13, 2023. It was second and carried.

Mike moved to approve the Treasurers report, second and carried.

Gary gave a report on the winter fairs. Sioux Falls had 123 registrations, Black Hills had 232 registrations and Watertown has not been counted as yet.

It was decided to use gift certificates from Spearfish and hoodies for each Kahoots presentation.

It was voted to do the WNAX and Homeslice radio for 2024 at \$20000.

Ron, Darren and Bill were appointed to the audit committee.

It was voted to raise the mileage to state rate of .51/mile and to always stay at state milage rates.

It was decided to do the same fairs as this year with Dakotafest, State Fair and Brown County, Sioux Falls Winter Show, Black Hills Stock Show and Watertown Winter Show.

It was decided that all district officers were to be the nominating committee. A vice-chairman, Government representative and an Industry representative were needed.

The Association is booked into the Crossroads Hotel in Huron for February 19-21, 2025.

We are to seek bids from Watertown, Spearfish, Deadwood Lodge and Ramkota Hotel in Rapid.

It was decided to pay someone to attend the SD Grassland Summit in Oacoma in March.

It had been suggested by Bruce Helbig to purchase the book "Insects in Kansas". A motion was voted to purchase 100 copies of the book. Nutrient Solutions has agreed to ship them to each county.

It was voted to discontinue the district meeting in the fall. Time was to be prograded into the conference for them to do their elections.

It was voted to go ahead with the posters with some changes. They were to print 500 copies in a 24" x 36" size. Nathan was to ramrod the project.

It was decided to investigate the INVADER paper for a once-a-year publication in the 2025 budget year.

The meeting was recessed at 9:30PM to reconvene on 2/23/24 at noon.

Clint called the meeting to order at 11:50 with Lynn, Darren, Darwin, Keith, Ron, Gary, Tyle Page, Nathan, Bill and Mike present.

A phone contact with WNAX on the Geo-fencing project at the stock show was made for explanation for what happened. Most were not happy with the results. It was decided to pay the \$2500 for services rendered and to discuss using it again at the state fair. The motion was tabled until the April meeting.

A committee had met and came up with a new contract for the Executive Secretary. It was shared with all. It was decided to offer the contract to Gary.

It was decided to send a letter of support to the EPA. Mike and Darren were to look into this.

Mike was to look into changing the logo for the April meeting.

Darren moved to approve the contract with Gary after he had signed it. Second and carried.

Sincerely

Gary Pribyl