



September 4, 2008

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was held in the Community Building located at 908 Huron Street, Benkelman, NE. Members present: Rita Jones, Linda Melchert, Harlan Cansler, Bob Prangley, Gary Clark, Bill Lewis and Ben Blecha.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Rita Jones. The minutes from August were not available, no action taken.
2. Treasurer's report submitted by Gary Clark. A motion to approve the treasurer report and payment of bills as presented was made by Ben Blecha and seconded by Bob Prangley; motion carried.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Action Groups
 - i. Benkelman Beautification/Community Improvement – Gary Clark gave an update on the various projects completed and still in process.
 - ii. Website Communications – Scott Vanderford, negative report.
 - iii. Graphic Communications – Ben Blecha gave an update, 5000 brochures being printed to showcase Dundy County amenities.
 - iv. Funding – Pat Rotherham, negative report
 - v. Housing – Linda Jones, negative report
 - vi. Retail/Business Development – Jerry Preston, negative report.
4. New Businesses:
 - a. Ben Blecha started an effort to gather business promotion items to offer to newcomers in the community. Assistance is needed to help identify who the newcomers are and provide a welcome package. Ben offered to write an ad for the paper for a group to sponsor this effort. Linda Melchert made the motion and Joya Neville seconded for the chamber to pay for an advertisement in the Benkelman Post.
 - b. Discussion on the upcoming Fall Festival featuring the Classic Iron and Auto Show. Motion was made by Gary Clark and second by Bob Prangley to sponsor \$40 radio host and advertisement in the Benkelman Post and affiliate newspaper.
5. Next Meeting: October 2, 2008
6. Adjournment at 7:40 pm

/s/ Linda Melchert, Secretary