

## **April 19, 2007 Board of Director Minutes**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alburnett Community School District Foundation was called to Order by Al Sorensen at 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 2007 at the High School. Board Members present were Eric Heims, Susan Koch, Esther Kremer, Gregg Smith, Jeannie Neighbor, Al Sorensen, Bob Berry, Carl Meiners and Kelly Baier. The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. The Financial Report was given and approved. The Board considered the following business:

### Tax Returns

Mr. Heims reported that he was finishing the Form 990 tax return and would likely have it filed by April 26. Mr. Baier reported that he filed the Form 8734 for purposes of maintaining the 501(c)(3) status of the Foundation.

### Site Work

Mr. Berry reported that the site was fully staked by the engineer but that progress was very slow due to the wet soil conditions. A discussion was held regarding various ways to expedite grading so that volunteer time would be used well and equipment would be used efficiently. Mr. Berry believes that he may be able complete the grading of the parking area fairly soon. He will seek the assistance of Rick Harger on this work. Mr. Baier reported that he had spoken with Randy Zieser and Mr. Zieser will help move trees when he has completed field work. Concerns were expressed with respect to drainage of the two diamonds and additional grading of the diamonds was discussed. Ms. Neighbor will speak with Kent Neighbor regarding whether there is action we can take to enhance drainage through the tile system. Mr. Heims and Mr. Sorensen will dig out the ends of the lines to make sure there are no problems there. A discussion ensued regarding the actions necessary to be taken so that the diamonds could be used yet this year. Mr. Berry presented information from D&N Fencing that backstops and additional protective fencing for both diamonds could be purchased for approximately \$13,700. Because we do not have those funds available in our general account, we may install backstops first, with additional fencing to occur later. Mr. Berry asked for authorization to obtain a Porta-Potty for the volunteers working on the site and such authorization was given by unanimous consent.

### Option

A brief discussion was held regarding the option to purchase an additional 15 acres of land from Mr. and Mrs. Martin. The option is to purchase the 15 acres for \$48,000 to be paid in 6 equal installments over 3 years with 5% interest on the unpaid balance. The option can be exercised no later than July 1, 2008.

### Sweet Corn

A discussion regarding growing and selling sweet corn was conducted. Mr. Boesenberg had volunteered to help organize this project but would like assistance. At this time, no one has volunteered to assist Mr. Boesenberg. Without the necessary volunteers to lead this project, it was decided not to pursue growing and selling sweet corn this year.

### Well

Mr. Meiners reported on the status of the well project.

### Fundraising

A discussion was held regarding various forms of fundraising. A waffle or pancake breakfast during Benefit Days was discussed. Mr. Smith stated that he may be able to obtain assistance from Quaker Oats with respect to a pancake breakfast. Concerns regarding staffing, advertising, cost of tickets and advance sales of tickets for a breakfast were briefly discussed. Ms. Burns is checking with the Diamond Club regarding whether such an event would be possible. Further discussion was also held regarding renewing our efforts to solicit donors.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on May 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the ICN Room.

Al Sorensen, President