

May 13, 2014

Navigators Restaurant, Republican City, NE

## Membership Meeting

Tom Hastings called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. First order of business was to approve the agenda.

### Financial Report

A motion was made to approve invoice for Jean Issler. Nancy Herhahn made a motion to approve, Betty Sayers seconded. Bill was approved to pay. Tom Hastings noted that the Hastings Chamber of Commerce needed a membership invoice.

### Old Business

At the last meeting, a request was made for ideas for future speakers, ideas to be sent to Jean Issler. Ideas from the current attendees are Kyle Meyer, NUMB; the new governor, Gov. Heinemann; Sen. Johanns;

Chuck Schroeder, Rural Institute, is scheduled to speak at the June meeting.

Golf outing in Cambridge on July 8, 2014. Tom Hastings suggested each community should commit to a team. Teams need to sign up by June 15. Jean Issler will begin to promote the event and contact Cambridge to assure the date is scheduled.

August - no meeting

September – planning retreat, Holdrege

October – Hastings, candidates' forum

November –

December - meeting will involve inviting the state senators to review the 2014-15 legislative session.

### New Business

In an effort to increase meeting attendance:

Betty Sayers suggested sending a brief survey to members updating them on speakers we have had and request ideas for speakers for 2013-14. She offered to come up with a draft.

It was suggested the community in which the meeting is held be featured and have leaders speak about what is going on. Get more participation from the hosting community.

Ask members why they don't attend.

### Program Ideas

Water is still a major issue in the SPUC region. Attending members suggested a meeting in the fall to review the water issues. Invite representatives from the NRD's, CNPPID, and a representative on the State Water Commission to update progress on the issue.

### Tourism

Jay Hall introduced for discussion the idea of the Southeast Nebraska Tourist Council and the Heritage Highway groups join with SPUC to promote tourism in the region. Jay Hall and Betty Sayers will pursue the discussion among the groups.

Meeting Adjourned.

# Meeting Minutes

Following dinner, Tim McCoy, Assistant Director, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, gave an overview of the focus and direction of the Commission.

Next meeting: June 10, Burchell's White Hill Farmhouse Inn. Minden  
Speaker- Chuck Schroeder, Rural Institute