

April 6 2015 Sterling Ag Commission

called to order. 7:30 Bob Nickerson, Mike Pineo, Dave Grinkis, Susan Phinney, Jenn Janowicz, Ann Starbard. Dawn Hartnett - guest.

Approval of previous minutes.

Jan. 5, 2015 - Mike P. motion, Susan Phinney 2nd all in favor

Mar. 2, 2015 - Mike P. motion, Dave G. 2nd all in favor

no outstanding reports

Chapter 61 Seminar - 1st church Monday April 20 7 pm. Brad Mitchell- Farm Bureau. Presentation for 40-60 minutes. Bob intro. Q & A for 30 min. pack up and be gone by 9 pm. - Ann S. will put together a Sterling basket of Agricultural Goods as a thank you. other members asked to contribute. Why are we doing this. Strength of Ag in Sterling, & the importance of land ownership & taxation information. Intent - get people to understand Chapter 61. Ann sent press release to area publication. Bob read letter that he is sending to Sterling Board of Assessors. Bob will be at 6 pm to set up chairs.

Lisa Perry - Farm Event. Lisa not able to attend on Mondays.

Dawn Hartnett - reported on possibly listing farms by the seasons that are available for visits. After discussion - Mike P. moved that Sterling Ag Com support endeavor of Farmers Market committee to monthly promotional events which highlight local farms, agricultural goods and other activities, including materials and financial support. Limit of financial support \$250. Susan Ph. 2nd Ann will help Dawn with getting farms together. vote - All in favor.

Dawn - Farmers market committee summary. 2015 --- May 15 - Dec. 18 - moving into Parish Hall in the fall.

Discussion of how to reach out to agricultural customers and other town commission. How do we connect with others in Sterling? What other groups do we want to reach out to in town and community? Ann suggested Do something with BOH

May 4 - Next meeting

Ann will talk with Bill Gauld = get email address. to add to distribution for Bob N. Bob Smiley seat. Ann regular seat open. Diane Melone alternate position open.

Motion Mike 1 st, dave. 2nd close meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Starbard  
Clerk

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