

**CNOG MEETING
AUG. 13, 2024**

BRAD BENGE OFFERED AN OPENING PRAYER.

BRAD PRESENTED AN ESTIMATE FOR EXPENSES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. HE GAVE THE RUNDOWN OF OUR ON HAND FUNDS AND THE PROJECTED AMOUNTS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR, AS A START FOR COMING UP WITH A BUDGET TO BE IN PLACE FOR MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE.

DOUG TOLD OF THE NEW INTERNET SERVICE THAT BURLINGTON IS USING, WHICH IS CHEAPER THAN WHAT WE ARE USING. HE SAID THEY HAVE 2 TYPES OF ROUTERS, ONE FOR INSIDE AND ONE FOR INSIDE. WE COULD USE ONE IN THE 3 AREAS WHICH SHOULD HELP WITH SERVICE IN EACH AREA. BRAD MADE THE POINT THAT SERVICE COULD BE SPOTTY IF WE HAVE TOO MANY PEOPLE TRYING TO USE IT AT ONE TIME. DOUG SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT, WITH THE CONCERN OF HOW MANY PEOPLE COULD USE IT AT ONE TIME, ESPECIALLY IN THE RV AREA. ROBERT SAID IF WE START LOOKING INTO INTERNET OPTIONS WE SHOULD LOOK AT STAR- LINK WHICH WOULD BE SATELLITE INTERNET.

DEB ASKED ROBERT TO DO A REPORT ON SOLAR. MOHRFELD SAID THE 3 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE, THE ONE FOR THE CABINS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY AMEREN, THE OTHER 2 ARE STILL IN THE WORKS, DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE SYSTEMS. THEY ARE HOPING T BE READY TO START WORKING IN SEPTEMBER. THERE IS ALSO AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE FOR THE RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS, WHICH WILL BE A SIZABLE AMOUNT. WHEN THE MATERIALS ARRIVE WE WILL NEED TO MAKE OUR FIRST PAYMENT. FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED. BRAD SAID THE CITY NEEDED A BUILDING PERMIT TO DO SOLAR, HE HAD PICKED UP A COPY OF IT WITH MOHRFELD SO THEY CAN START THE WORK.

DAWN GAVE A REPORT THAT THE SKID MOWER IS DEAD. THE ENGINE OVERHEATED TO THE POINT OF MELTING THE OIL CAP INTO PART OF THE MOTOR. COST TO REPAIR IT WOULD BE \$4,500, WHICH WAS NOT RECOMMENDED. TRADE IN VALUE IS NOT EXISTENT DUE TO THE CONDITION OF THE MOWER. ESTIMATES WERE SENT FOR REPLACEMENT OPTIONS. ONE IS FOR A USED ONE FOR \$7,500 FOR THE SAME TYPE THAT WE HAVE, AND \$9,500 FOR A SMALLER, MORE USER FRIENDLY TYPE. NO AGE WAS AVAILABLE ON THE LARGER ONE, BUT THE SMALLER ONE IS ABOUT 3 YEARS OLD. BRAD TOLD OF MOWERS AVAILABLE AT AN AUCTION SITE IN FT MADISON. EVELYN WAS CONCERNED THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE ANY IDEA ON ANY USAGE OR CARE ON ITEMS AT AUCTION, AS OPPOSED TO BUYING NEW. DOUG OFFERED TO GO TO THE DEALERSHIP TO LOOK AT WHAT IS AVAILABLE. DEB SAID THAT WHEN DOUG GETS INFORMATION ON THE MOWERS WE WOULD HAVE ANOTHER MEETING TO GO FORWARD WITH A MOWER.

DAWN REPORTED THAT THE TRACTOR THAT WE COULD NOT USE THAT HAD COME FROM THE HISTIORIC SITES HAS BEEN SOLD FOR \$750.

ROBERT ASKED IF ANYONE WAS DOING ANY MARKETING OF THE LODGE. HIS IDEA IS TO WORK WITH THE JOHN WHITMER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, WHO HOLD A CONFERENCE EVERY YEAR. HE FEELS WE COULD BE AN OPTION OF A PLACE TO HOLD THEIR MEETINGS, BUT IT WOULD REQUIRE SOME EXPENSES TO GET US CAPABLE TO HOLD THESE GROUPS. DEB ASKED HOW MANY PEOPLE THIS WOULD INVOLVE, 175.

WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE VIDEO AND INTERNET EQUIPMENT IN THE 3 ROOMS USED FOR BREAKOUT GROUPS, AS WELL AS A THE SANCTUARY, UP TO A POSSIBILITY OF 5 ROOMS. WE WOULD NEED TO BE ABLE TO BROADCAST AND RECORDING. THESE CONFERENCES ARE HELD IN SEPTEMBER AND ARE USUALLY ATTENDED BY OLDER PEOPLE WHO WOULD NEED ROOMS, NOT NECESSARILY WISHING TO USE CABINS. THAT MIGHT HOWEVER ATTRACT SOME YOUNGER PEOPLE, OR THOSE WISHING TO HAVE LOWER COST LODGING AVAILABLE.

BRAD A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DAWN SECONDED. VOTE TAKEN, MEETING ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DAWN DURGIN