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# NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST MUSEUM COMMITTEE MINUTES January 20th, 1998

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**NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST  
AND POWER MUSEUM  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
January 20, 1998**

Present: Vanderholm, Hermann, Kleis, Ellington, Estes, Leviticus, Hoffman, and Splinter. On phone: Trauger and Fenster

Call to Order at 1:35 p.m. by Chair Splinter. Minutes approved as corrected with meeting date November 18 rather than 19.

Treasurer's Report: \$410.81

Membership list was distributed to those present and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Roof repair - \$37,100 bill received. Not sure this is the entire bill.

\$35,000	in UN Foundation
\$ 5,000	Coming from Hitchcock Foundation
<u>\$11,932</u>	Miscellaneous Sources of Funds
\$51,932	Total Funds

Should have \$14,000 left after roof repair.

Big Red Convention - March 5 & 6. Two to three buses each day to tour museum. Splinter is contacting sources of tractors not at UNL at the present time to also be on display.

Electricity now back on.

One heater turned on but condenser line is plugged. If cost for repairing condenser line is high, may have to replace with heat pumps.

Next Projects: Clean floor and prepare signs to introduce tractors on display.

Dedication Ceremony - May 2, 1998

2 to 3 p.m. Open House  
3 to 5 p.m. Ceremonies and tractor demonstrations  
5 to 6 p.m. Student design presentations  
6 to 8 p.m. Banquet

Possible speakers: Roger Welsch and Charlie Wendel

Ford Tractor: Renovated for fellow in North Dakota. Fellow passed away, son wants to sell the tractor. This tractor model was the cause for Tractor Test. Splinter will contact Vern Anderson, Wendel, and others about value of Ford Tractor.

Waterloo Boy and self-propelled cultivator will come back to museum for display.

Trauger may furnish Titon tractor for display.

Tooker said Grange would sponsor several work groups to help clean up museum because Larsen was active in the Grange.

**Committee meeting scheduled for next two months.**

**February 10 at 1:30 in 225 Chase Hall**

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Three excess tractors at ARDC will be sold to raise funds. Two are industrial types and one is an Allis Chamber track layer. Kleis moved that the excess tractors at ARDC should be sold and proceeds go to Museum Foundation account. Estes seconded. Motion carried. Will probably be sold this spring at ARDC auction.

Vanderholm requested that Splinter write to Omtvedt about meeting his criteria for the museum continuing before we invest more money and time.

People mentioned to invite to Dedication included: Camp Creek Threshers; All donors; All legislators; Friends of NE Tractor Test; All ASAE section members; All IANR administrators; All UNL faculty and staff through Ag Comm; Moriwitz from Successful Farming; and Howell at Nebraska Farmer.

Library of tractor brochures in Montana should be pursued again. Son wanted to keep the library when visited the last time. It was suggested that we should re-contact him. Kleis volunteered to visit the owner in May.

Library and booklets for Tractor Test are in storage at the Conservation Survey building. They will be reviewed by Kleis and Leviticus for possible museum material. They will also work with Historical Society to convert appropriate old slides and films from Tractor Test to use in museum.

Ellington moved to recommend that museum be named for Les Larsen if approved by UNL. Kleis seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Planning committee:**

Publicity - Ellington  
Library - Kleis, Leviticus  
Signs - Sheila Smith  
Power & Safety Day - Schnieder  
Clean-Up - Splinter  
Plaque - Splinter

Adjourned at 2:45 p.m.