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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 1998 MEETING OF THE
FRIENDS OF THE NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST AND POWER MUSEUM

The meeting was called to order at 1:30PM. Those attending were Lawrence Hermann, Norm Tooker, Shirley Trauger, Dale Vanderholm, Lou Leviticus, Glenn Hoffman and Bill Splinter, with John Smith and Charlie Fenster by conference call.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Shirley Trauger reported a bank balance of \$1786.37.

Bill Splinter reported that Frank Walters had passed away on June 17. Bob Kleis, Shirley and Bob Trauger and Bill Splinter attended the funeral at Hardy, NE on June 20. A flower arrangement was sent in behalf of the Friends.

An updated membership listing was distributed. It now includes 44 people who have paid dues in addition to the committee members.

The budget status in the Foundation was not consistent between that listed by the Foundation and the Department. A \$2436 donation by Fred Chase has been received but was not yet recorded.

Roger Welsch plans to publish an article on our museum in Ageless Iron in August and Dave Mowitz has said his company will print raffle tickets for the "Woodpecker" tractor which Roger has renovated and will donate to the raffle. The raffle will be announced at the 1998 State Fair and the drawing will be at the 1999 State Fair. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The May2 Dedication was discussed and the general feeling was that it was quite successful.

Discussions with Alan Moeller and Dale Vanderholm relative to the organizational structure of the Museum were held. Responding to a question by John Smith, the discussions center around who will pay for utilities. Further discussions will be held when the actual cost estimates can be determined.

In accordance with Facilities Management requirements, an architect has been hired to develop a plan to complete the restoration of the museum. The architect had not reported back at the time of the meeting.

The first Newsletter was distributed. It will be sent to all members of the Friends, all who have contributed to the renovation and those who would have an interest in the museum program. The first newsletter featured an article by Louis Leviticus on events leading up to the Tractor Test Law.

Since the Case Collectors are being featured at Camp Creek this year, the Friends plans to have the Case CC, LA and DC models on

exhibit there. We will try to have someone manning the Museum during Camp Creek as some of the Camp Creek attendees may wish to visit the Museum.

We will again plan to have from 8 to 10 tractors at State Fair.

General discussion indicated it would be best to leave the name of the Friends organization as is at this time.

Dale Vanderholm reported that the judging pavillion may be torn down within a year so we will need to make plans for storage of the tractors stored there.

Bill Splinter reported that Bob Kleis had painted and carpeted the library and had secured shelving from Surplus Property. Also a computer has been acquired from the Tractor Test Laboratory. Lori Bragg, a Master's student in Museum Studies is expected to work in the Museum in July. Her duties will relate to most effective display of the exhibits as well as determining some of the history connected with the present collection. She will be paid from the Oscar Hans endowment (Model T) and the Wallace Giles endowment.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 21 at 1:30 in the L. W. Chase Conference Room.

W. E. Splinter
Secretary Pro Tem