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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings everyone,

As the warm days of summer embrace us, the time for wheat harvest has arrived. Across our field, the golden waves of wheat sway gracefully under the sun, signaling a bountiful season. With numerous graceful rains we have received this year, gathering the fruits of our labor will commence this Friday! Yes, you heard me correctly, there is going to actually be a wheat harvest for us this year. Thank you to the dedication and hard work of our farming committee to get the crop in the ground and keep it maintained all season so far. The work is not over yet though. Friday at 1pm we are going to start our plentiful harvest and with that we will need many helpers. Throwing bundles will be the task at hand, so be sure to BYOP (bring your own pitchfork)! The weather is supposed to be beautiful, so however you are able to help whether it is driving tractor or throwing bundles, we will sure appreciate it!

In the meantime, our soybean crop is also progressing steadily. The fields are alive with growth as our crop develops. It is nice to finally see our crops producing nicely as we receive timely rains. Now if we can just get a little heat, I feel it would help tremendously! With mostly favorable weather on our side, we anticipate a somewhat good yield this year, despite the circumstances.



I hope everyone has been having a great summer. Embrace the cooler weather coming up and go get that dreaded yardwork done, or fix that leaky barn roof, or whatever it is you're putting off! The forecast shows about 70 degrees for a high for Friday. I

couldn't imagine a better August day to throw wheat bundles! I hope to see some of you there if possible. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to reach out. Don't forget Friday is BYOP!

Take Care,
Grant Schmieg, President

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Wheat Binding: August 9th, 1:00pm
Lawn Mowing: August 10th, 10:00am
Board Meeting – September 3rd, 7pm Via ZOOM
Plow Day and Membership Meeting: October 26th, 10:00am HH Thresher’s Kitchen
Christmas Party TBD
Heritage Days 2025 June 20-22, 2025

TREASURER’S REPORT: July 2024 Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

Financial Statement: July 1, 2024

Internal Accounts

Depository Accounts

\$85,808.61	General Fund	\$9,398.75	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4868.00	Chapel Fund	\$136,996.78	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,931.88	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund	\$146,395.53	TOTAL
\$1,946.88	Insurance Premium Fund		
\$146,395.53		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$146,395.53 **Balance: July 1, 2024**

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
	\$200.00 Donations	(\$1,590.18)	Farming Expenses
	\$100.00 Dues	(\$682.50)	Grounds Maintenance
	\$11,169.93 Crop Sales	(\$990.72)	Equipment Repair
	\$80.51 Interest	(\$215.05)	Office/Postage
	\$11,550.44 TOTAL	(\$431.42)	Electricity
		(\$165.85)	Miscellaneous
		(\$1,545.55)	Advertising (Threshing Show)
		(\$500.00)	Donations (Threshing Show)
\$151,824.70	Balance: July 31, 2024	(\$6,121.27)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: July 31, 2024

Internal Accounts

Depository Accounts

\$92,827.96	General Fund	\$14,747.41	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$137,077.29	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$2,341.70	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund	\$151,824.70	TOTAL
\$1,946.88	Insurance Premium Fund		
\$151,824.70	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:

No Minutes to report.

DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: August 5, 2024 Grant Schmiege, Acting Secretary

- Board Members Present: Peterson, Schmiege, Grube, Lagred, Schumacher, Ashling
- President Schmiege called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.
- No minutes were presented due to technical difficulties.
- Peterson resented the treasurer's report. MSP Schumacher/Lagred to accept the report.

Agenda

- **Christmas Party:** It was discussed to have the Christmas party moved to January to allow more people to come. Venues are being researched. Date still TBD.
- **Wheat Binding:** This Friday August 9th at 1:00pm we are planning on binding the wheat at the show grounds. All help is welcome. We need tractor drivers and bundle throwers. Bring a pitchfork if you have one! The more help the merrier so we will take all we can get. A few of us will be there in the AM to help with setup.
- **Plow day:** scheduled for October 26th along with a membership meeting in the morning at 10am in the thresher's kitchen.
- **Banking:** Peterson has been exploring new bank options in Montevideo, due to it being closer to her residence than Granite Falls. MSP Schumacher/Lagred to move our banking to Minnwest Bank in Montevideo.
- **Fuel Barrel Donation:** Joe Hutt has offered to donate two fuel barrels to the show. Valve possibly need replacement but barrels are clean. MSP Lagred/Schmiege to accept the barrels.
- **Clark Forklift:** brakes have been worked on recently and now they KIND OF work. Numerous other little things have been tinkered with on it as well.
- **Bleachers:** Schmiege has inquired to our insurance about bleacher requirements. No info yet.
- **Member Passing:** It is with heavy hearts we inform you of the passing of a former member, Howard Zietlow. Visitation and funeral was today, August 5th. Howards life story can be found here: <https://www.andersontebeest.com/obituary/Howard-Zietlow#obituary> Blessed be his memory.
- **Facility Usages:** August 17th Kitchen Facility use, August 28th Kitchen and Chapel in use for private event, September 27-29th Grounds use for private event, May 31st 2025: Grounds use for private event, June 20-22 2025 Heritage Days, September 19-20th 2025
- **Next Board Meeting:** September 3rd 7pm via ZOOM
- **Next Membership Meeting:** October 26th 10:00am at HH Threshers Kitchen, Plow day to follow
- **Adjournment:** MSP Schumacher/Peterson to adjourn the meeting.

MINNESOTA No. 2 Improved Binder

MINNESOTA Binders are made in three sizes — six-foot, seven-foot and eight-foot cuts. Tongue truck is regular with eight-foot binders but can be furnished with the other sizes. The seven-foot and eight-foot are regularly equipped with outside reel supports.

The new MINNESOTA Binder embodies every feature that is necessary to meet the demand for a binder that can be depended upon — not only to harvest this year's crop, but each successive year's under opposite and varied conditions. It is adverse conditions that test the mettle of a binder and if built to

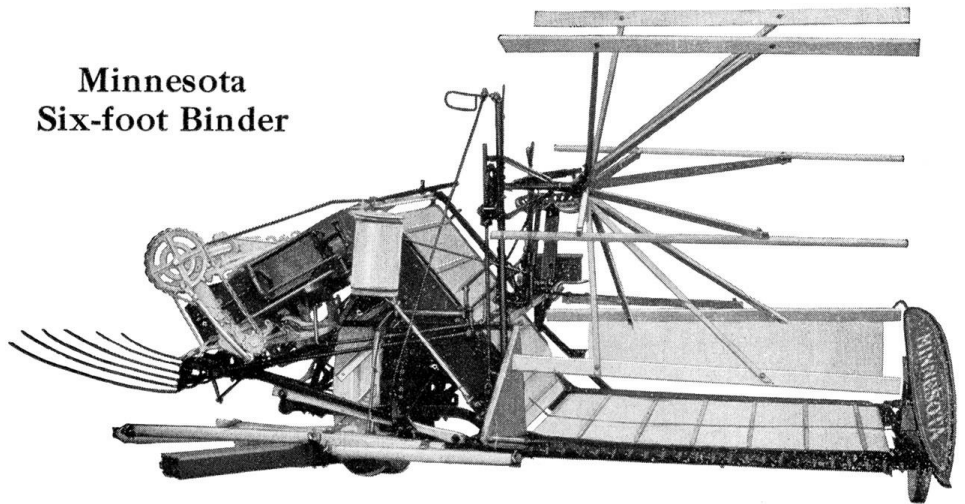


stand this strain without battle scars, then you know you have the kind of binder you need. The MINNESOTA binder is designed as a general-condition binder. It is heavier in weight because it is re-inforced to stand cutting on rough and hilly land. A MINNESOTA binder does not get out of alignment. It is easy running because it is equipped throughout with roller bearings. It is long lasting because the material of which it is made is in accordance with time tested specifications. Cheap material has no place in a MINNESOTA binder for its reputation is held higher than a profit. It is convenient to handle as all levers are within easy reach of the operator. Its capacity to handle heavy, down and tangled grain and in opening a field is a particular feature in MINNESOTA binders. No loose bundles. The knotter in a MINNESOTA binder is a sure tier and of very simple construction. It is of but few parts and very seldom gets out of adjustment. This feature is appreciated by those who have had experience with complicated knotters. A neat, tight bundle is desired by every farmer and a MINNESOTA binder with its three packers, adjustable head board and vibrating butter in two sections produces the desired results regardless of the length of the grain. The sheaf is tied in the middle by simply shifting the binding attachment to place the band in the middle of the sheaf. A bundle carrier that operates as well on side hills as on level ground and which dumps the bundles clear of the carrier. No dragging of bundles by the heads from the carrier. A patented Reel Support and Tongue Truck, a more detailed description of which, as well as other features, will be found in this catalog.

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- Strong Steel Frame, thoroughly braced and trussed.
- Heavy Ground Wheel, with broad face, giving ample power.
- Positive Four-Point Clutch, for putting in and out of gear.
- Relief Spring, breaks the jar on rough ground.
- Twenty-three Roller Bearings, make light draft and save wear.
- Self-Aligning Bearings, always run free.
- Easily Adjusted Reel, one lever does it all.
- Lever Adjustment on Butter and Binding Attachment, for binding long or short grain.
- Adjustable Steel Plates on Cutter Bar, for taking up wear.
- Automatic Spring Tension, for platform canvas.
- Floating Elevator, adjusts itself to any quantity of grain.
- Seventh Roller, Gear Driven, prevents bunching and loss of grain.
- Canvas Slackers on elevator and platform canvases.
- Perfect Knotter, always ties and always ties tight.
- Square Butted Sheaves, the positive vibrating butter does it.
- Band in the Middle, with long or short grain.
- Steel Head Board, can be folded down out of the way of long grain.
- Adjustable Wind Shield, convenient to adjust to desired position.
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- Saves all the Grain and all the Straw.
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- All Parts Readily Accessible for oiling, etc.
- Easily Raised and Lowered by means of handy crank.
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- Quick Turn Tongue Truck that will not tip.
- Easily Mounted on Transport Truck, when so mounted, will pass through a very narrow gateway.
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