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Project manager Berni Crow (right) recently received a \$500.00 grant from Custer County Foundation Executive Director Lindsay R. Divan for the historical sign project sponsored by Rotary. Crow's Center School House is the first to have one of the historical signs posted. The historical sign (pictured on the building to the left) is a photo of Center School District #185 taken by Solomon Butcher, with a historical description about the school underneath. When the project is completed, at least 40 of these signs will be placed on or near buildings throughout Arnold. (Fallon Gibson photo)

Village Board Approves Installation of Park Equipment

The Arnold Village Board of Trustees gave their permission for playground equipment to be installed at the Arnold Recreation Area at their regular meeting held on July 10. Becky Dailey attended the meeting and said that the Arnold Community Foundation purchased the used equipment from McDaid Elementary School in North Platte. Duane Bowers, Shane Cool and Joel Morgan dismantled the equipment and transported it to Arnold. Dailey is hoping that the equipment can be installed sometime this fall, and volunteers will be needed. Please contact Dailey if you would be willing to help.

Water Tower Bids

The board considered two bids for painting the exterior of the water tower, and accepted the bid from Maguire Iron, Inc., for \$27,870.00. The shell and roof portion will be painted a light gray and the name Arnold will be painted in true blue. The second bid from Central Tank Coatings, Inc., was for \$29,150.00, and included \$1,500.00 for a new logo. This company stipulated that the present sign on the tank be repainted as it now appears.

New Floor Machine

Board members considered a proposal for a floor machine to clean the community center. Cash-Wa Distributing has a demo unit with 30 hours for \$4,400.00 and a new unit costs \$5,190.00. Members voted to purchase the demo unit provided the warranty is the same as the new one.

Electrical Rates Adjusted

Board members voted to adjust electrical rates by 4.9 percent for October 2017 and October 2018 based on a recommendation by Nebraska Municipal Power Pool. NMPP recently completed a cost of service study reflecting 2016 actual and 2017 budgeted revenues and expenses. The study revealed that \$260,000 is projected for the next three years to cover the remaining electrical conversion work.

AEDC Update

The Village Board was given an update by AEDC Director Cheryl Carson on how the Arnold City Park Improvement Project is going at the July 10 meeting at the Community Center.

Since updates, including bucket swings, tables and benches, have already been made, her main focus right now has been looking into replacing the merry-go-round and possibly adding an additional set of toddler swings.

Carson said that she is open to community suggestions if there are other ideas or needed im-

provements for the park. There is also some discussion of adding a few pieces of adult outdoor workout equipment later on down the road.

Becky Dailey's part of the combined park improvement project has been completed with the replacement/addition of new tables and park benches. The colors and style of the benches and tables were picked by Becky and were delivered on July 6 and 10.

Two new AEDC members were added. They are Pepper Werner and Cassy DeLosh.

Carson said that she's still waiting to hear from Great Plains Communications on what their recommendations are on connecting the live cams for community events.

She also said that York, Nebraska, is in the stages of developing their LB840 plan. The AEDC was contacted to give their input on several questions ranging from the prevo stage, educating the community as to what LB840 can do, to how it has benefited our community since implementation, how long Arnold has had LB840 and several other topics.

Scribner, Nebraska, has also inquired about how we administer grants and loans, as they are working on drafting guidelines in their community.

Carson continues to attend regular monthly meetings, updates the Arnold website and Facebook pages. Visit Nebraska

site, and advertises events through radio, T.V. and print ads.

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