

Runnells Park & Recreation Board Receives \$10,000.00 Grant Award from Prairie Meadows

The Runnells Park & Recreation Board proudly acknowledges receiving a \$10,000.00 grant from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino through its 2007 Community Betterment Grant Program. Grants were awarded in late December with allocated funds distributed in early January 2008. Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grants are allocated in four different categories which include arts & culture, economic development, education and human service. The Runnells Park Board applied under the human service category.

Sherry Henry, Council Liaison to the Runnells Park & Rec Board worked with Board members Mike Danley, Jennifer Lessard, Tracy Gordon and Skip Dunbar to draft the grant application. The grant was requested to add safety features and more security for the Runnells Area Park.

The \$10,000.00 received will go towards new parking areas with the addition of designated handicapped parking spaces, re-direction of vehicle traffic for the protection of children at play in the Park and the addition of Park entrance gates for closing the Park at night enhancing security and greatly reducing long term problems with vandalism. The Park Board is also working closely with the Runnells Little League on the construction of a new permanent restroom building which will be a welcome addition to our many Park patrons.

We are very grateful to receive this funding from Prairie Meadows and offer our sincere thanks to the Grant Advisory Committee for adding us to the list of over 190 projects chosen to receive grant dollars this year.

****Picture also attached. Pictured are Sherry Henry and Carol Elam (center) for the Runnells Park Board and Prairie Meadows personnel Renee Montgomery, Ron Morden, Jeff Nelson and Julie Stewart.***