

Runnells Area Park Corporation~RAPCO Receives \$10,000.00 Grant Award from Prairie Meadows

The RAPCO organization 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. RAPCO applied for a grant under the human service area of grant categories.

Sherry Henry with assistance from Linda Northway, both RAPCO Board members, drafted the grant application last August for submission to the Prairie Meadows Grant Advisory Committee in hopes of getting dollars for necessary repairs and renovations to the Runnells Community Center which after 20 years of everyday use is needing a face lift.

The \$10,000.00 received will go towards replacing eve troughs and down spouts on the building, re-surfacing of the entire square footage of flooring in the Center, replacing old ceiling tiles with new acoustic friendly tiles and heating/cooling updates. The grant dollars may not get everything we'd like to accomplished but we hope to get as much done as possible this year.

RAPCO is very grateful to get this funding from Prairie Meadows. The work it will help achieve is a benefit to our area senior citizens who use the facility everyday and all the other area groups who use it regularly. These very welcome dollars will keep our Community Center looking its best.

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