

Vote set on proposed merger of local coops

**(KNZA)--Stockholders of Hiawatha-based Ag Partners Cooperative and Seneca-based Nemaha County Cooperative Association will vote Thursday, June 28 on a proposed merger.**

**The voting will take place at separate meetings at the Fisher Center in Hiawatha and Corning Community Center in Corning from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**A two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present at each meeting is required to pass the unification.**

**If approved, the merger would take place September 1st.**

**The new consolidated company would be known as Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc. and the corporate office would be located in Seneca.**

**The unified cooperative would be overseen by a 14 member board consisting of seven current members from each cooperative.**

**After several months of discussion, the boards of directors of both cooperatives agreed unanimously to pursue the proposed merger citing economic dynamics, pressures and competition.**

**The boards say the proposed merger would strengthen both companies and provide a more efficient utilization of assets.**