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Longest Structure Moved
Under $30,000

Allen E.C. Hof

Telkamp House Moving
Brookings, South Dakota

Mr. Harry Weilage, Director of the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Marshall, Minnesota (MP&RD) had a problem: How to maximize existing resources for a redevelopment of Award winning American Legion Field (ALF). ALF was awarded Golf & Sports Turf 1990 Community Field of the Year. ALF was the community's Baseball and football stadium for fifty plus years. When the School district decided to partner with the local University in locating football at the University's site, an opportunity presented itself for a redevelopment of the site to a baseball only venue. The local baseball association had constructed a 1,000-seat grandstand and was enjoying success with local, state and regional tournaments, but was constantly looking for improved seating and site lines.

The existing 1,200-seat football bleachers were located down the left field line and centered on the old 20 to 20 yard line, which meant 40% of the seating had no value for baseball sight lines. The District had replaced the planking from wood to aluminum and now had a much-improved product. The local baseball association, in concert with the city, took a look at the situation and contacted Telkamp House Movers of Brookings, South Dakota to investigate relocation of the existing bleachers. Telkamp has relocated the City's airport hangers the season before so Harry knew the quality of their work. Harry's problem was how to move the viewing stands, one hundred and eighty feet in length, to better accommodate the combined facilities. Another concern was the need to provide an asphalt base for the stands in their final location. But, because the stands were so lengthy, they would need to be moved twice

Allen Hof, Project Supervisor for Telkamp, explained when moving a structure such as this, weight is not an issue. Having previously performed work for MP&RD, Harry and Allen concluded time and money could be saved if the stands were moved as one unit rather than dissembling and then reassembling them. Bracing with 2" x 30" straps welded to the bleachers would tie two halves together and preclude a need for further bracing since the main frame was constructed with 2'x2' angle iron containing aluminum seats.

Hof spliced three sixty-foot beams together creating....

Two sections of stands created a structure 180' long.

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