

Washburn Life
(Washburn Area Improvement Association)
(Official)
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025

Location: Washburn City Hall

Board Members Present: Donna Sommer/ Rhonda Johnson/ Mark Lelm/ Staci Berube/ Alyson Teigen

Board Members Absent: Rashel Crowell (e)/ Richard Perkerewicz (e)

Others Present: Janell Herberlie/Stacy Scheresky/Amber Verke/ Jamie Olsen/ Sarah Bedgar

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by President Donna Sommer.

- 1) Secretary Report: Minutes from the January 14th meeting. (Mark made a motion to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Alyson) **Approved.**
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Staci went over the report as of February 11th. (Mark made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, 2nd by Alyson) **Approved.**

Discussion was held on Staci (treasurer) having a debit card to pay bills, etc. Mark made a motion to get Staci a debit card, 2nd by Alyson. **Approved**

- 3) Old Business:
 - a) **Office Space:** Discussion on office space for Rhonda. Rhonda has spoken to the McLean County Historical Society about having a space at the museum. She is waiting to hear back from them.
 - b) **Membership Letters (2025):** Membership letters have been mailed out. Discussion on the various membership levels and the qualifications for each level. (Feb 11- 10 members)
 - c) **Board Position Appointment Vacancy:** No Candidates to fill the open positions. Discussion on how to advertise the open positions (Facebook posts and flyers).
 - d) **2025 ND Travel Industry Conference (Apr 28-30):** Rhonda went over the conference information and last year's agenda. Discussion on Rhonda attending the conference.

Alyson made a motion to pay the registration fee (\$200) and hotel for Rhonda to attend the conference. 2nd by Staci. **Approved.**

- e) **Taste of Washburn Update:** Rhonda gave an update on the event so far. There are 6 businesses signed up. The proceeds from the event will go to the Washburn Park Board Pool Renovations.

Mark asked permission to attend the next park board meeting to represent Washburn Life if Rhonda is unable to attend. Approved

The Taste of Washburn committee will meet after the Washburn Life meeting to discuss decorations and paper items needed (plates, cups, etc.).

4) New Business:

- a) **Business Improvement Grant Request (Painted Woods Golf Course):** Donna went over the grant application from the Painted Woods Golf Course. Discussion.

Rhonda made a motion to approve the Business Improvement grant (\$10,000) from PWGC. 2nd by Alyson. **Approved.**

- b) **Loan Pool Application (PWGC):** Donna discussed the loan pool application from Painted Woods Golf Course. The loan pool committee (Donna, Staci, Gavin Hetletved & Dwight Hetletved) met and approved the application.

Donna made a motion to approve the loan pool application (\$10,000) and cap it at 5% interest. 2nd by Mark. **Approved.**

- c) **Washburn After Prom Party (TAG) Donation Request:** Stacy Scheresky from the TAG group presented a request for a donation for the after-prom party held at the Washburn School on March 29th. Discussion.

Mark made a motion to donate \$250 in Washburn Bucks to the TAG Group. 2nd by Staci. Rhonda will pick up the Washburn Bucks and get them to Stacy.

- d) **ACA Donation Request:** Rhonda read the letter of support from Dr. Penny Hetletved (secretary of Alliance of Competitive Archers) asking for a donation to help with expenses to host the state finale and award ceremony in Washburn at the 4-H Camp. Discussion.

Mark made a motion to donate \$500 to the ACA organization. 2nd by Staci. **Approved.**

- e) **Board Retreat/Social:** Donna mentioned to the board about having another retreat for the board members with a speaker (ex: Melinda Padilla Lynch). Donna also mentioned the possibility of hosting an evening social or picnic for the members of Washburn Life. Discussion.

- f) **Sponsorship panel for the WHS Electronic Sign:** Mark gave an update on the sponsorship panel location for the electronic sign on school property. He spoke to Dr. Penny Hetletved and the school board will meet & discuss the location.

Next Meeting: March 11th at 12 pm at **Washburn City Hall**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm by President Donna Sommer.

Rhonda Johnson

Minutes submitted 2/11/2025

Approved 3/11/2025