

Washburn Life
(Washburn Area Improvement Association)
(Official)
Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2024

Location: Washburn City Hall

Board Members Present: Rhonda Johnson/ Mark Lelm/ Staci Berube/ Donna Sommer/ Rachel Retterath/ Rashel Crowell/ Richard Perkerewicz.

Board Members Absent: Alyson Tiegen (e) / Michele Jacobson (u)

Others Present: Janell Heberlie/ Anna Hays/ Karson Pederson/ Savannah Schafer/ Dana Morrison/ Ryan Hamrick/ Jason Fahlstrom

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by President Rashel Crowell.

- 1) Secretary Report: Minutes from the March 12th and March 21st Special Meeting (Motion to approve as written by Rachel, 2nd by Richard) **Approved.**
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Report as of April 9th, 2024 (Motion to approve as presented by Mark, 2nd by Richard) **Approved.**
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) **Taste of Washburn:** Rhonda updated the board on the success of the event (April 6th-197 people attended and \$1070 was raised). Rhonda made a motion to donate \$250 to Washburn Youth Sports for their volunteerism at the event. 2nd by Mark. **Approved.**
 - b) **Members and contributing to their Growth:** Rashel would like to move this item to the Membership Committee that needs to be formed.
 - c) **Committees & Chairs:**
 - a. **Touch-a-Truck:** Rashel talked about the event and how she wants to get business members to get involved and bring vehicles to display. A "Touch-A-Truck" Committee was formed: Rashel, Staci, and Rhonda. Rachel made a motion to nominate Rashel as head of the committee, 2nd by Mark. **Approved.**
 - b. **Bylaws/Policy:** Reformation of the committee. Discussion. The new committee consists of Rachel, Donna, Rashel, and Mark.
 - c. **Membership Committee:** This committee will be heading up advertising and boosting business/economic development growth. Members of the Committee are Rashel, Donna, Rachel, and Richard.
 - d) **Washburn Life Golf Tournament:** Rachel has spoken to the Painted Woods golf course manager about partnering on a tournament with Washburn Life. The golf course will do all the registrations and whatever else is needed to plan a tournament. Washburn Life will use their

business list to get participants and sponsors. A Wednesday would work best for the golf course. It would include 9 holes plus a supper. Golf Tournament Committee is Rachel & Alyson.

4) New Business:

- a) **YouTube Meetings:** Discussion on having our meetings placed on the city of Washburn's YouTube page. Chesley Brandt (city auditor) would be able to transfer them to their YouTube page and upload them to the city's website under the "Business" tab along with the minutes and agenda.
Richard made a motion to go ahead with placing the meetings on the City of Washburn's YouTube page and website. 2nd by Mark. **Approved.**
<https://www.youtube.com/@cityofwashburn535>
- b) **Letter of Support for Baldwin Project:** Rhonda went over the email received from Megan Langley (email was sent out to the board March 21) about the Baldwin project. StrengthenND is asking for a letter of support for their strong incubator farm located near Baldwin, ND. They are looking to build a regional local foods processing facility on site. Rachel made a motion to pass on the support letter at this time due to lack of information (not reading email). 2nd by Richard. **Approved.** An email will be sent to Megan asking her to speak about the program at the next meeting.
- c) **New Business Grant- Lawn Care:** Jason Fahlstrom (Fertile Soils) presented his business proposal and application for the New Business Grant (matching grant) to the board. He is starting his new lawn care business in Washburn. Discussion. No action was taken at this time so it was tabled until a later date. Mark and Rashel will be the contact people to help Jason with starting up his business in Washburn.

Next Meeting: May 14th at 12 pm at **Washburn City Hall**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm by President Rashel.

Rhonda Johnson

Minutes submitted 4/16/2024.