

Wind River Visitors Council Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2021
Via ZOOM

PRESENT: Frank Welty – Dubois; Joel Highsmith – Shoshoni; Owen Sweeney – Lander; Julie Buller – Riverton; Randy Lahr – Dubois; Helen Gordon – Hudson; Thomas Pede – Lander
Call to order: 10:03

ABSENT: Hal Herron – Riverton; John Bass – County; Cy Lee – County

STAFF: Helen Wilson, Preston Ackerman

GUESTS: Kim Hummel, Mike Anderson, Kip Post, Janet Winslow, Herb Wilcox, Bethany Baldes, Gary Wise

CALL TO ORDER: Randy Lahr called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

REVIEW & APPROVE AGENDA: Julie Buller moved, seconded by Frank Welty.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bethany Baldes thanked the WRVC board regarding her participation in shooting Truly 360 tours in Riverton and expressed plans to offer virtual tours locally for county wide businesses.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER: Helen Gordon was sworn in as a board member at 10:14 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW TREASURER: Joel Highsmith was appointed treasurer unanimously at 10:16 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MAY 27, 2021 MINUTES: Frank Welty moved, seconded by Julie Buller. Minutes were passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Refer to the Financial Statements ending June 30, 2021, Page 8 and following. Revenues exceeded a conservative set budget, however WRVC received Cares funds in the amount of \$251,000, which helped to back up expenses. Total expenses paid out were \$196,000. Payroll expense slightly exceeded due to bringing on second staff member. Account cash is up \$100,000 due to WRVC receiving Cares funding.

Frank Welty motioned to accept treasurer’s report, seconded by Owen.

Owen Sweeney moved to make Thomas Pede and Julie Buller signers on bank account, seconded by Helen Gordon. Board approved the motion.

The budget has been approved by the six Joint Powers Members.

WRVC received credit card from Atlantic City Federal Credit Union.

NEW BUSINESS: TAD REPORTS

TAD 6-Month Reports were delivered by Gary Wise – Shoshoni; Owen Sweeney – Lander; Herb Wilcox – Riverton; Randy Lahr – Dubois.

Frank Welty motioned to accept WRVC Engagement Letter from Reddon, Koehn & Associates CPAs, Pc, Owen Sweeney seconded. Approved by Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

No changes suggested about the board code of conduct. Thomas made comments about conflict-of-interest language regarding members who serve on the board. No revisions suggested to be made to the revised strategic plan. Frank Welty made comments regarding reservation plans to coincide with WRVC initiatives.

Julie Buller made motion to approve the strategic plan with caveat that modifications can be made in the future, seconded by Owen Sweeney.

Board approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/CARES FUNDING:

Helen presented proposal for Cares funding. For proposal specifics see attachments.

Julie made a motion to approve plan, Owen seconded. Frank abstained from voting on Care Funding proposal. Proposal approved by majority vote.

Preston reported on stats on website/social

Helen reported on current WRVC events

Owen Sweeney motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Julie Buller.

Meeting adjourned at: 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Preston Ackerman