

Wind River Visitors Council (WRVC) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Carnegie Room, Lander Library, Lander

PRESENT: Owen Sweeney – Lander; Frank Welty – Dubois; Joel Highsmith – Shoshoni; Krista Lobera – Lander; Erika Yarber – County

ABSENT: Hal Herron – Riverton; Ben Barto – Dubois; Kip Post – County; Helen Gordon – Hudson

WRVC STAFF: Helen Wilson, August Vanderford

GUESTS: Gary Weisz – Shoshoni; Anne Even – Lander; Darren Rudloff – Rudloff Solutions; Berkeley Young – Young Strategies

CALL TO ORDER: President Owen Sweeney called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

REVIEW & APPROVE AGENDA: Joel moved to approve the Agenda. Frank seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2024/2025 BUDGET: No comments from the public were made.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 28, 2024 MINUTES: Frank moved to approve the Minutes. Joel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Helen Wilson presented the Treasurer’s Report.

- A. The Board asked a few questions about the Statement of Activities in the Financial Report, and Helen Wilson explained. Krista moved to approve the Financial Report, Frank seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. The Board discussed the FY 2024 to 2025 Engagement Letter provided by Reddon, Koehn & Associates. Frank moved to approve the Engagement Letter. Erika seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS: The Executive Team recommended that no changes are made to the current Executive Team for Fiscal Year 2024 to 2025. (Owen Sweeney, President; Frank Welty, Vice President; Helen Gordon, Treasurer; Hal Herron, Secretary). Frank moved to adopt the recommendations. Krista seconded. Joel Highsmith voted against; all others were in favor. Motion carried.

FY 2024/2025 JOINT POWERS BUDGET APPROVAL UPDATE: The FY 2024/2025 Joint Powers Budget has been approved by Dubois, Hudson and Lander. Riverton, Shoshoni and the County Commissioners have yet to approve the budget. The Town of Shoshoni's budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. The County Commissioner's budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4 at 3:30 p.m. Riverton's budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. To date, the budget has received only votes in the affirmative.

REVIEW TAD PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION: During the WRVC's January 25, 2024 Board Meeting, the Wind River Visitors Council reviewed an updated document titled, "TAD Program Information." That document was emailed to distributing TAD communities on February 5. Part of the updated form states that "Beginning July 1, 2024, participating communities must use a TAD application that will be provided by the Wind River Visitors Council." Helen Wilson presented that application and a reporting form for use by the distributing entities for their annual report.

Krista asked for clarification about the reporting form, inquiring if a third column for "Amount Distributed" should be included. Helen Wilson said she would add it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gary Weisz related to the board how TAD funds were distributed when he was part of the board.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Frank moved to adjourn the meeting. Krista seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, August Vanderford