

2010 Annual Meeting

January 21, 2010

Washburn Memorial Building

In attendance: Milissa Price, Joan Zimmerman, Donna Sommer, Miles Gradin, Newly Voigt, Mike Nelson, Wendy Spencer, David Borlaug, Dick Bickert, Alyssa Schafer, David Lindell, Val Hetletved, Christy Schreiner, Judy Beaudry, Rachel Retterath, Wayne Heringer, & Nathan Grubb

President Donna Sommer called the meeting to order. Minutes approved by Wendy, seconded by Newly.

Donna welcomed the group to the Washburn Area Economic Development Association's Annual Meeting and introduced Milissa Price, Economic & Development Director to present information about WAEDA past, present and future endeavors for 2010;

A year in review:

- 2009 was an exciting year for Washburn Area Economic Development Association. It has seen new programs put into place and active on many fronts within the City of Washburn;
- We had an addition of 3 new Board Members (Jane Christianson, Mike Nelson, Newly Voigt) new faces and ideas.
- The establishment of the Housing Incentive: with 2 incentive packages given to new residents to include coupons for utilities and activities in the City.
- The finalization of the Washburn Progress Fund and the first application and loan completed to the Eye Professionals. The Washburn Progress Fund is a revolving loan pool for businesses, new and existing to take advantage of using funds with flexible services.
- Successful Annual Golf Tournament in June with 15 teams participating. A great time was had by all.
- Partnership in the Journey Exhibit that was very successful with over a 1000 visitors during the 6 week stay, along with many events and activities
- A partnership between WAEDA and the City of Washburn was awarded a Safe Route to School Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the restoration of the tunnel underpass in partnership.

Milissa then went ahead with plans for the New Year.

Looking to the Future:

- 2010 promise to be an interesting year for WAEDA with many plans to be accomplished.
- Completion of construction of the multi use trail circling the City. This will occur during the construction season (spring/summer)
- The rehabilitation of the underpass tunnel, construction of both the trail and the tunnel will be concurrent. DOT has allowed the 2 projects to be let on the same bid creating a more cost effective bid for both projects.
- Continued support to the restoration of the Sioux Ferry, the majority of the restoration of the actual structure is complete however there is continued landscaping and signage that will be worked on the summer by volunteers.
- Development of a Business Incentive: This program will be designed to maintain businesses and attract new businesses. This program is in its infant stage but WEADA Board of Directors hope to have it instated by year's end.
- Membership drive and business visits,

- Annual Golf Tourney at Painted Woods, June 12, 2010, mark it on your calendar, there will be good food, great golfing and even a few new events. Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month, we would like to invite the public, we welcome any ideas, and suggestions from business owners and residents either at meetings or stop in at the City Hall office.

Donna introduced Newly Voigt, Wagon Wheel Lumber, to give information on the Dakota Custom Homes.

Newly informed the group that there are currently 15-20 people employed with the company and that in the last year 11 homes had been built and moved out to areas surrounding Washburn, with the closest house going to Stanley, ND. He stated that the cost of the homes is approximately \$65 per sq. foot and cost around \$5000.00 to move. They currently have 11 different floor plans to use, and 6 generic, but all are custom built to the owner's specifications. Dakota Custom Homes use local contractors as much as possible, and the 2% City Sales Tax gets paid to Washburn at the time of sale.

Miles thanked newly for bringing this new, expanding and successful business to our community.

Ballots were handed out for (2) Board of Director positions that were up for election.

Luke Retterath and Donna Sommer were both re-elected by unanimous ballot to represent WAEDA for another 3 years

Rachel Retterath requested a financial report to be sent with membership renewals, Donna assured her they would be. Rachel continued on to give a report on Pennies for Parks. One Cent Sales combined with a grant from an equipment company has allowed the group to purchase new playground equipment for Renner Addition.

David Borlaug gave an update on Northgate Place.

Miles Gradin emphasized the importance of the need for cooperative effort of Civic Club and WAEDA to make the accomplishments together for the City of Washburn.

Nathan Grubb gave an update on Painted Woods Golf Course. There is a full time manager position available, and is currently begin advertised across the state. The board has been in contact with a design firm for the back 9 at the course and fundraising will be coming up.

MSC Wendy/ Nathan-Motion to adjourn.