

**WAEDA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 17, 2014**  
**Washburn City Hall**

**Directors in Attendance:** Mike Nelson, Newly Voigt, Rachel Retterath, Derek Laning

**Others in Attendance:** John Renner

The meeting was called to order by Mike Nelson.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted. MSC Newly/Rachel

**Financial Statement** – the financials were reviewed and accepted. MSC Derek/Newly

**Old Business**

1. **Renner property** – Bruce Newton is coming to meet with John in the near future. John will be lowering the price in hopes of getting a hotel in place. He is also splitting the land into 4 lots and he mentioned there are numerous other parties showing interest.
2. **Dollar Store** – the store is getting close to completion. We committed to a interest rate buy down through the PACE program at a cost of approximately \$30k.
3. **Lodging Tax** – The potential for a lodging tax for Washburn was discussed again. Derek and Rachel will look for similar ordinances to present to the city. Derek mentioned it was discussed at the last city commission meeting. It is created through a separate ordinance and does not have to be put out for public vote.
4. **Comprehensive Plan** – We will start with the city map showing currently zoned areas and work with the public and city to create a development plan. Derek will ask AE2S about updating the city map; how much will it cost and whether they could help out.

**New Business**

1. Elections: We will discuss job duties some more in future meetings, but Rachel volunteered to help with new homeowner packets. Nominations shown below were made and accepted. MSC Derek/Newly  
President: Mike Nelson  
Vice President: Newly Voigt  
Treasurer: Donna Sommer  
Secretary: Derek Laning
2. GRE Roundtable – Mike will email a member list to Lyndon Anderson so he can invite WAEDA members directly for future meetings. The group felt we should try to have better representation from Washburn.
3. Falkirk/GRE trip – Falkirk and GRE are seeking input on whether we see value in taking local community leaders to other area towns to discuss common problems and solutions. The group thought it was a great idea and we should try to be involved if it does happen.
4. Golf Tournament – Newly, Rachel, and Mike will coordinate the tournament for either June 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, depending on golf course availability.

5. Golf Course Grant – Rachel said the golf course is asking for a letter showing support. They need it for a grant application. The motion was made to draft and send a letter. MSC Mike/Newly
6. Golf Course Sign – The new golf course sign has room available for advertising. The advertising would remain in place until weather causes it to fade and require replacement. The cost is \$2500. A motion was made to commit to purchase one section. MSC Newly/Derek
7. There was further discussion on what WAEDA should be doing going forward. Many ideas were discussed with regards to how we can help any area business increase their sales / business.

There being no further business, Derek moved to adjourn the meeting. Newly seconded and the meeting adjourned.

*Next meeting will be April 21, 2014 at 3:30 pm at the City Hall.*