

WAEDA Board Meeting Minutes
APRIL 22, 2013
Washburn City Hall

Directors in Attendance: Mike Nelson, Derek Laning, Donna Sommer, Newly Voigt, Ginny Weber

Others in Attendance: Gary Satern, Mayor Duane Bauer, Don Winter, Michael Johnson

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Nelson.

The minutes from the 3-27-2013 meeting were reviewed. Derek moved to accept the minutes as presented. Newly seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Statement was presented by Donna. Newly moved to accept the statement as presented. Donna seconded. Motion

Old Business

- 1) **USDA/ University of Mary grant** – Gary has had no word from University of Mary yet and is likely not to hear about it until after school is done.
- 2) **One Cent Funds/ Gary Stern/ City Commission** – Duane Bauer expressed concerns about what WAEDA is doing for the community and was concerned about the 10% raise to Gary’s salary for mileage. He feels WAEDA should be putting something in the paper about what is currently happening. Duane also mentioned that the businesses in town would like to meet Gary personally.
Gary Satern expressed his thoughts that WAEDA should be taking the concerns from the people rather than the concerns being fielded through the city.
Mike Nelson suggested that all entities need to have better communication with one another
Derek reported that the city will need quarterly reports for the One Cent Sales Tax and that minutes from the city would suffice.
- 3) **Incentive Package** – Donna Sommer will continue taking care of the package.
- 4) **Strategic plan** – Mike Nelson has been working on a shorter version and will email to the board when complete

New Business

- 1) **Update from Gary Satern on Projects** – Gary has been in contact with individuals and businesses to potential locate to the Washburn area: Rebar company, Motel, and a small manufacturer. He has also been in contact with a local business that is looking for a “bridge grant”.
- 2) **Leader News newspaper article** – Gary will write an article every month and submit it to the newspaper by the 3rd Monday of every month
- 3) **Monthly email updates to members** – the board discussed the possibility of emailing minutes. Also discussed the fact that the minutes are available on the website and the newspaper article will be a good way to update members.
- 4) **Business visits** – Gary will work on scheduling times with local business to meet and discuss ways that WAEDA can help.
- 5) **Golf Tournament** – Newly is chair and has the date set for June 8th. He will organize and get help as needed.

- 6) **Dollar store** – has received a variance from the city. Newly will contact Larry Thomas for more information.
- 7) **Old Lumber Yard** – Duane Bauer reported that he has been in contact with the owners to purchase the property through the city.

Newly moved to adjourn the meeting. Ginny seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Monday May 20th at 3:30 at the Washburn City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Weber