

**WAEDA Minutes**  
**November 26, 2012**  
**Washburn City Hall**

**Directors in Attendance:** Luke Retterath, Derek Laning, Donna Sommer

**Others in Attendance:** Gary Satern, John Renner, Mike Nelson, Michael Johnson, Milissa Price, Joan Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order by President Luke Retterath.

**The minutes from the 10-22-12 meeting** were reviewed. Derek moved to accept the minutes as presented. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement** was reviewed by Donna. Derek moved to accept financial statement as presented. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Housing Incentive Guidelines – need to be reviewed and updated. Work has been done on it. Wendy is working to update the brochure.

One Cent Sales Tax Funding – we usually request funding this time of the year. We discussed waiting until after the annual meeting. We will be working on budgeting. Possibly look at including funds to have a Main Street Project Program and a pool available for Bank of North Dakota Pace Program participation. Gary discussed possibly looking at a line of credit to be available for these programs to use while we were waiting for funding if we had to ask each year.

Job Fair – Gary would like to hold in January or February. Will bring up to other communities at the GRE Roundtable meeting.

**New Business**

Director's Report:

- Gary has had a couple meetings with Trevor Leidy regarding the golf course expansion. He has had Susan Davis talk to Trevor about possibilities of grants.
- Gary attended a meeting with the ND Trade Corridor Association
- He has been asked to attend the semi annual meeting of the ND REC Nov 29. One topic will be child care in rural ND
- Has attended 2 Vision West meetings
- Participated on a phone conference on the Red River Corridor Fund
- Would like to deliver Christmas Baskets to the Senators, Governor and other government influential people – probably 6 or so. These would be from the board and community of Washburn. Donna moved to allow him to spend up to \$25. Derek seconded. Motion carried. Joan suggested we check with local store first to see if they could do this. Delivery might be a restriction with them. Gary discussed that he might want the store to deliver as it might have more impact and due to his health restrictions on his back. He will check with local grocery.
- ND Housing Finance – received a thank you from them and an invite to their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Housing Conference Feb 26-27
- Discussed ND Association of Oil and Gas Producing Counties. The City is a member and someone from the group would be willing to come to one of our meetings.

- Attended the Energy Expo on Nov 19
- There are some meetings in Dec that he would like to go to
- Discussed the attitude of the community that WAEDA doesn't do anything. Will visit with the newspaper to possibly have an interview/article. It was discussed that previous directors also had a column in the paper.

Website – we are still working to update and keep current. Wendy is working on this.

2013 Budget. Donna is preparing a rough budget, which we will look at reviewing at the next meeting.

Annual Meeting – will look at having in February. Will have to discuss date and time. Donna will research to see who is up for election.

GRE Roundtable is Dec 6. We need 5 people to represent the community. Gary will look into this.

Comments from the audience:

- Mike Nelson mentioned he and Gary had lunch with Irene Graves and discussed the Center for Community Vitality Program that she would like to bring to McLean County.
- Milissa discussed the non-profit daycare. They need to disband if there is no more action. This is a 501C3. She discussed donating the fund to a youth program. We will discuss more at the next meeting.

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

***Next meeting will be December 17 at 3:30 at the Washburn City Hall***

Respectfully Submitted,

***Donna Sommer***