

Washburn Life
(Washburn Area Improvement Association)
(Official)
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

Location: Washburn City Hall

Board Members Present: Donna Sommer/ Rhonda Johnson/ Mark Lelm/ Staci Berube/ Richard Perkerewicz/ Alyson Tiegen

Board Members Absent: Rashel Crowell (ue)

Others Present: Ryan Botner/ Ty Snyder

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by President Donna Sommer.

- 1) Secretary Report: Minutes from the March 11th meeting. (Mark made a motion to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Staci) **Approved.**
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Staci reviewed the financial report as of April 8th. (Mark made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, 2nd by Richard) **Approved.**
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) **Board Position Appointment (Vacancy):** No Update. (No Candidates for the open positions)
 - b) **Membership Benefits:** Donna went over some ideas to help promote our business members that she received from Rashel. Donna and Rhonda will meet to go over them. Discussion.
 - c) **Board Retreat Update:** Donna gave an update on the planning of the retreat. Melinda Padilla Lynch is unable to attend April 30th. Discussion. Tabled.
- 4) New Business:
 - a) **Donation Request (Riverboat Days Committee):** Donna went over the request letter received from the Riverboat Days Committee. Discussion.

Staci made a motion to donate \$1,000 (gold sponsorship) to the Riverboat Days Committee. 2nd by Richard. Approved. Rhonda will get a photo with the big check.
 - b) **Billboards along Hwy 83:** Mark gave an update on the needed repairs.

5). **Coordinator Report:** Rhonda gave an update on what she has been doing the past month.

a) Washburn Life website: Rhonda has been working with Mike Witt (Ae2s) to dissolve the washburnlife.com website. Washburn Life will keep the washburnlife.com domain. We will be located on the City of Washburn website. The new address is washburnnd.com/Washburn-life.

b). Taste of Washburn: It had a great turnout (311+ people came through the doors; raised \$1660). The Washburn Youth Sports kids helped with set-up, the event and clean-up). Rhonda discussed having a pizza party for the volunteers. This was a fundraiser to raise money for the Washburn Park Board Pool Renovations.

Mark made a motion to host a pizza party for the kids, 2nd by Staci. **Approved**

The drawing for the door prizes (Washburn Bucks/Bluegrass tickets) was done during the executive meeting.

Bluegrass tickets: Heather Facer

\$50 Washburn Bucks: Josh Simons, Marlys Anderson, Cheyenne Simons, Janet Hanson

Mark made a motion to donate \$1500 to the Washburn Park Board Pool Renovations, 2nd by Alyson. **Approved.** Rhonda & Staci will take a photo with the park board with the big check.

Rhonda also gave an update on the citywide rummage sales event and the interest already for the Nov. vendor show.

Next Meeting: May 13th at 12 pm at **Washburn City Hall**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm by President Donna Sommer.

Rhonda Johnson
Community Coordinator

Minutes submitted 4/8/2025.
Approved 5/13/2025