

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

Location: Washburn City Hall

Board Members Present: Donna Sommer/ Rhonda Johnson/ Staci Berube/ Richard Perkerewicz/ Rashel Crowell

Board Members Absent: Mark Lelm (ue)

Others Present: Phaidra Yunker/ Janell Herberlie/ Alyson Teigen

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

- 1) Approval of the May 13th meeting minutes: Staci made a motion to approve the minutes as written. 2nd by Richard. **Approved.**
- 2) Financial Report: Staci reviewed the financial report as of July 8th. (Rhonda made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, 2nd by Rachel) **Approved.**
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) **Board Position Appointment (Vacancy):** Donna led the discussion on board vacancies. Savannah Hyttinen (DWCU) sent Donna an email saying that she would be interested in a position.

Richard made a motion to appoint Savannah to the board, 2nd by Rashel. **Approved.**
Savannah's board term will end Dec 2027.
 - b) **Washburn Life Golf Tournament Update:** Alyson presented the details (date, time, etc.) for the upcoming golf tournament. Discussion. It will be on Aug 26th at 4 pm.

Richard made a motion to designate the proceeds that are raised from the Mulligans (2/\$20) to the Washburn Pool fundraiser with the possibility to donate more. 2nd by Rashel. **Approved.**
 - c) **Hwy 83 Small Billboard (Plan/Design):** Discussion on the billboard on how to use it to advertise. Nothing was decided at this time.
- 4) New Business:
 - a) **Light-up Washburn Funds:** Discussion on the funds available and how to use them. A committee was formed to discuss Riverside Park and other areas to use the money on. Committee members: Rashel, Mark, Richard, Donna & Staci. They will meet July 15 @ 9am.
 - b) **Donation Request: Northland Health Centers:** Donna went over the letter from Northland Health Centers asking for a donation to help with the costs for a healthcare workforce event (scrub camp) for 6th graders in surrounding communities. Discussion.

Rashel made a motion to pass on donating. 2nd by Richard. **Approved.**

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

- a) Fall Rummage Sale: Rhonda has been asked by community members if it is possible to have a city-wide fall rummage sale event. Discussion. Staci made a motion to pass on hosting a fall rummage sale, 2nd by Rashel. **Approved.**
- b) Small Business Saturday Vendor & Craft Show: Rhonda has received emails from vendors/crafts interested in being part of the event (Nov 29). Discussion. Rashel made a motion for Rhonda to go ahead with the vendor show and go to the city commission meeting to get the fees waived for rental expenses. 2nd by Staci. **Approved.**
- c) Upcoming Conferences: Rhonda went over the upcoming conferences that she would like to attend in the coming months. (EDND Developer Day & NDaRECs Rural on the Rise)

Next Meeting: August 12th at 12 pm at **Washburn City Hall**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm by President Donna Sommer.

Rhonda Johnson
Community Coordinator

Minutes submitted 7/9/2025
Approved 8/12/2025