**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**For the Worland Recreation District Board**

**HELD January 9th 2025**

A meeting of the Worland Recreation District Board was held January 9th at the Worland Community Center Complex, Worland, and Washakie County, Wyoming at 12:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were Steve Hunt, Charlie Cauffman, Sarah Lungren, Matt Schneider, Nick Kruger, Ron Overcast, Carol Grosch and Jonathan Hake.

**A motion was made (Charlie), seconded (Carol) and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for December 12th 2024 meeting.**

**Old Business**

* **Board Member Fraud Training-**Matt just turned it in, haven’t heard back if he has passed or not yet.
* **Bylaws and Staff:** Nick has to be approved through the City first before he could be approved though this board. Steve mentioned that we need to elect the officers in this meeting and then finalize the bylaws once they are approved through the school district.

**A motion was made (Ron), seconded (Sarah) and unanimously carried to approve the seven board members quorum subject to the consistency of how the school district is referenced in the document.**

**A motion was made (Ron), seconded (Carol) and unanimously carried to approve the following officers for 2025: President Matt Schneider, Vice President Johnathan Hake and Treasurer Charlie Cauffman.**

**A motion was made (Charlie), seconded (Jonathan) and unanimously carried to approve Steve Hunt as the Executive Director of the Rec Board.**

**Executive/Board Reports:**

* **Carol** has nothing to report
* **Jonathan** has nothing to report
* **Charlie/Sarah-**60 or 70 education bills that will be going on in the state this next meeting. In the middle of winter sports right now, started indoor track this last Monday.
* **Nick-** shared that the Newell Sargeant Foundation did award the City with a $30,000 grant to get a master park plan going for the entire Newell Sargeant Park, goal is to review all the amenities and anything that needs modification update. Remaining Harpa funding that they needed to spend, the City chose to buy playground equipment with it. New playground set going into Veterans Park, Sage Creek Park and a small one at Kiwanis and Sanders are being replaced.
* **Ron** has nothing to report
* **Steve**- starting girls’ basketball tonight, 50 girls total, 4 teams in 3rd and 4th grade and 3 teams in 5th and 6th grade.
* **Matt** has nothing to report

**New Business**

* **Joy Osbon-**Big Horn Federal is under pledged, need to pledge securities. She recommended to us to consider moving some money into a CD, to get some of the interest up on the regular checking account. The board wants Steve to bring it to all the banks to see what one offers the best interest rate.

**A motion was made (Charlie), seconded (Jonathan) and unanimously carried to authorize Steve to shop around for CDs at $100,000.**

**A motion was made by (Charlie), seconded by (Carol) and unanimously carried to approve the draft copy of the Bylaws for the Rec District with the final vote of the By-laws being in January.**

**By-Laws Note:** Charlie sent out an email to the rec board stating:

“As we left the meeting yesterday, it didn't quite feel right on these by-laws, so I did some checking to make sure that we had everything covered on the new by-laws and procedures...turns out we don't. For this I apologize!

In looking at Statues 18-9-201 and the Wyoming Procedures Act, 16-3-101. So we have some work to do before we can make these changes official and ratify them.

1. First, we need to petition the change to all three entities, (City of Worland, County, and School Board) this can be done with a letter from the board stating what we want to do and what not. We need to present them a "draft" set of bylaws with the changes to be made and have them approve this action.
2. Second, we need to advertise in the paper about these rule changes and give a 45-day notice that we are looking to change our rules and post the "draft" copy at the county clerk's office.
3. After the 45-day period, we have to take in all comments and questions and respond as best we can after this time frame and finalize and ratify the new rules. All three entities have to receive a copy of them and then we file it with the county clerk.

If we start from the old by laws (they are attached), it seems that we don't have to go through a process for new rules, so I gave a draft of what that could look like. So, I need to have everyone review the latest draft and at the next meeting finalize the draft rules and compose a letter to the three entities for these changes. Let me know if you can't see my edits in the draft file. “

**Treasures Report:**

Charlie reported that the Mill Leavy this month was at $31,885.29, expenditures for the month $7,900, net income at $23,992.86 bringing our net income back up to -$2,900 compared to last month at -$2,600, assets at $553,206.54. A few bills that might affect the mill leavy would be the property tax bill, looking to do reductions in that area up to 50%, cuts down on assessed evaluation, depends on how it applies.

**A motion was made (Carol), seconded by (Jonathan) and unanimously carried to approve the treasures report and pay the bills per meeting.**

The next meeting of the Board is set for February 13th, 2025 at 11:30 am.

**There being no further business, the meeting was completed.**

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Matt Schneider, President Steve Hunt, Executive Director