Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Tom Klassa- **President**  **Staff:** Joel Zimmerman-Executive Director

Sara Miles–**Vice President via zoom** Whitney Korthof- Administrative Coordinator

Trisha Condreva-**Treasurer**

Virginia Hurckman- **Secretary-absent**

Bill Marx**-absent**

Kevin Pagorek**-absent**

David Wilson

Jill Dunlavy

Sherry Sutton

Steve Smith-absent

1. Meeting Called to Order @ 7:31 a.m. by President Klassa.
2. Approval of Minutes of the April 2021 meeting. **Motion Wilson/Dunlavy** to approve. **Passed.**
3. Treasurer’s Report-given by Condreva. No unusual expenses for the month. **Motion Wilson/Dunlavy** to approve. **Passed.**
4. Correspondence received-Thank you card from Washburn County Area Humane Society for the donation in memory of David Masterjohn.
5. Membership comments-none.
6. Washburn County Housing Discussion-Zimmerman gave a report about housing issues in the area
7. Director’s Report-
   * Workforce housing shortage is a huge issue and has potentially devastating consequences for our economy. The director is working on putting together a coalition for a housing study of Washburn County and working on some outside the box potential solutions in the meantime.
   * The ARP money coming into the County can be used for broadband expansion which the Washburn County Board of Directors has named as the number one priority for the County. If the municipalities can pool their money, it will help leverage grants and the provider to increase the size and speed of expansion.
   * There are some new businesses opening up, including potential manufacturer moving its headquarters to the County, a new laundromat in Spooner, and various other retailers.
8. No need for Closed Session.
9. No need to reconvene.
10. Other Concerns: County updates given by Wilson.
11. NEXT MEETING DATE: **June 15th, 2021**
12. **Motion Wilson/Condreva** to adjourn at 8:26. **Passed.**