



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 7:00 pm

Location: Aggie Alumni Room, Park River Area High School, 704 5th St W, Park River, ND 58270 (on South side across from the Football Field).

Attending: Agatha Frisby, Tracy Laaveg, Sarah Johnston, Dennis Markusen, , Gary Seboe, Dick Geiger, Shannon Brazil (by telephone) Guest - James Johnston

Absent: Denise Bata, Bergit Sobak

Chair Frisby brought the meeting to order. Minutes from the 10/9/24 meeting were approved on a motion from Dennis and 2nd by Gary. Motion Carried.

The financial report was also reviewed and approved on a motion from Dick with 2nd by Shannon. Motion Carried.

Projects:

Admin: nothing new to report

Brochure: nothing new to report. Brief discussion about adding more sites and a passport to the brochure when reprinted.

Geocaching: nothing new to report. Chad has promised to devote more time to this project in the upcoming year as he acknowledges he has gotten behind.

Member Ed:

- Sauter School – nothing new to report
- Arts Across the Prairie – nothing new to report.
- Summer Events – North Trinity event has been tabled for now as property owners are not open to the idea. Sarah will continue to pursue. We will work on organizing a summer event to showcase the properties near Minto during the summer. Possibly to be in conjunction with Minto days or museum alive, which will be held at the museum on Juen 22, 2025.



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- Memberships – Membership in the Rendezvous Region Tourism Council was discussed. After discussion, it was determined that this is beneficial to the geocaching project. We also discussed memberships in Historic Funding.com, but the consensus was that it was not beneficial to us, and is not likely to be beneficial until a new property is identified or the properties that are already identified as needing repairs can get the necessary estimates to get the work completed.
 - Discussion in MPMA and NAPC was also discussed. After discussion, it was determined that the online classes and conferences that have been hand and are partnered with the CLG conferences made these memberships beneficial enough to continue the membership.

Oral History: after discussion, it was determined that we will continue to fulfil the interviews that were promised under previous grant applications, but that we would be ending the project. Twim Tandems was unable to connect with the latest proposed interview subject, and was willing to continue to assist with the project, but did not prioritize this over their other business projects.

Website: nothing new to report

Strategic Planning:

- Ordinance review - after discussion, it was determined that no ordinance updates are necessary at the present time.
- Marketing - the Walsh County fair continues to be a good opportunity for us to showcase our projects. It was suggested that we consider sponsoring the carousel at Heritage Village this summer to increase our exposure to the public. Some members had reservations as to whether such a move would qualify under our grant limitations. Tracy will reach out to SHPO to verify if thus would be allowed. We also discussed the possibility of coordinating something with Museum Alive in June. All agreed this was a good idea to showcase the properties in the Warsaw/Minto area.
- Geocaching see discussion above.

2025-26 grant application



Members reviewed the grant application, and the draft was approved with some numbers to be added after written bids were received. Tracy will present the completed grant application to the Walsh County Commissioners at their February 4 meeting.

Membership – Dennis, Dick, Bergit, Gary & Denise all have memberships that expire on 2-7-2025. Dick has stated he would like to not renew his membership. Tracy will reach out to Denise to verify she wants to continue her membership. Gary, Dennis, and Bergit all agreed to reappointment. Discussion centered on recent County Commissioner's statements that they wanted to choose the members to be appointed. Tracy will submit the membership procedure when new potential members are submitted for approval at the Commissioner's meeting. Tracy will contact the local papers to advertise the opening position.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Laaveg, Coordinator