

JDA Meeting Minutes
Nov 9, 2020
Via Teleconference

MEETING OPENING: President Whittney Lipp opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Whittney Lipp, Marilyn Bettenhausen, Adam Feist, Denise Morman,
Nathan Wolf and Daryl Kaseman

Board Members Absent: Jocie Ruff

Minutes:

October 12, 2020 regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Nathan Wolf to approve, second by Denise Morman. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Financial Report:

The financial report was reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve report by Nathan Wolf. Second by Adam Feist. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Action Items:

1. Business Interviews
Hagel reviewed an interview guide to solicit input from area businesses related to staffing challenges and ideas related to local training and recruitment costs. Motion by Daryl Kaseman, second by Marilyn Bettenhausen to authorize Hagel to offer \$50 in Wishek bucks to interviewees to compensate their time. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.
2. Board Re-Appointments
Daryl Kaseman and Nathan Wolf indicated their willingness to renew their board positions for another 3 years. Motion by Denise Morman and second by Adam Feist to allow Kaseman and Wolf to remain at meeting but recused from voting. Motion by Denise Morman and second by Marilyn Bettenhausen to appoint Kaseman and Wolf for 3 more years. Motion carried by affirmative vote by Lipp, Feist, Bettenhausen and Morman. Recommendation for reappointments will be forwarded to Mayor and City Council for final approval.
3. Consultant Fees
Hagel requested that his contract terms be modified to reflect a flat monthly fee of \$500 for managing routine JDA administrative functions. Motion by Nathan Wolf and second by Adam Feist to approve contract change. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Other Discussion

1. Grant Writer and Economic Development Consultant Search
Hagel reported on multiple discussions with regional economic development sources to identify an experienced consultant. Becky Thatcher-Keller from Linton has been identified and continued discussions are planned.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm by Denise Morman, second by Daryl Kasemen. Motion carried by unanimous declaration.

Respectfully Submitted by: H. Hagel