

Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2019
RRSB Meeting Room, Halstad, MN
12:00 PM

Present: Charles Aarestad, Jeremy Melting, Brandon Mickelson, Jessica Spaeth and Alli Tice.

Spaeth called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report was unavailable at the time of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The EDA financials will now be included in the city's audit as of 2018 fiscal year. Halstad Bucks account was adjusted to reflect current unexpired bucks. Spaeth will contact delinquent loan accounts to make repayment arrangements. Melting moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Aarestad. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Business Recognition – Acrylic plaques are available to recognize Halstad businesses. The price is approximately \$35-\$37 per plaque. There is a price break if 6+ plaques are ordered. Tice moved to order business recognition plaques for new businesses and businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries, seconded by Aarestad. Motion carried.

Mickelson and Spaeth gave an update on the Communities Thrive meeting with Northwestern Minnesota staff on February 8. The workplan draft was reviewed. NMF has community engagement grants available that can be used for the community supper in March. There was discussion on potential marketing ideas to engage residents.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors application is near completion and will be shared to residents in Halstad and Shelly when ready.

The Community Club Spring Supper will take place on Tuesday, March 26. The meal will be free to residents. A housing survey will be available to those who attend. Communities Thrive will give an update and service organizations will be encouraged to give an update on their organizations.

New Business

Business Lot Program – Mickelson expressed a need to develop a Business Lot Program, similar to the Free Lot Program. Aarestad, Mickelson and Spaeth will work on guidelines to present to the city council.

Community Engagement Grants – discussed during Communities Thrive and Spring Supper updates.

Community Updates – Spaeth visited with a party interested in Wangler Foods' building. Individual was not interested in keeping it a grocery store and requested information on programs available through the city/EDA.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM. Next meeting TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Spaeth
Acting Secretary