



**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 15, 2019**  
**Red River State Bank**  
**12:00 PM**

**Present:** Jessica Spaeth, John Hinkley, Alison Tice, Charles Aarestad, Brianna Aarestad, Jeremy Melting, Donna Scholl

Spaeth called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

**Additions To Agenda**

Halstad Living Center promotion; housing development

**Secretary's Report**

Motion by C. Aarestad to accept Secretary's Report, second by Hinkley. Motion carried UC

**Treasurer's Report**

Motion by C. Aarestad to accept the treasurer's report as presented, second by Melting.  
Motion carried UC

**Unfinished Business**

Communities Thrive Program Update: Northwest Minnesota Foundation will present information at the March 26 Community Spring Supper regarding the \$200,000 grant for business growth in Halstad for 2019 and 2020. Grants are limited to \$100,000 per year with a cap of \$50,000 per project

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: information will be available for the public at the Community Spring Supper

Spring Supper: Tuesday, March 26. Nate Dorr of Northwest Minnesota Foundation and his team will be at the Spring Supper presenting information on the housing survey and the Communities Thrive Program. NWMNF will pay for half the cost of the meal to entice more community members to attend and learn more about the opportunities NWMNF has to offer the community of Halstad

Business Lot Program-tabled

Community Engagement Grants: Discussed possible uses for the the grant money. Included in the discussion were making the Make Halstad Home Plate event bigger to possibly include a dance, the purchase of more picnic tables for the community, park facilities near Disco Park. Discussion was tabled.

**New Business:**

Signage Grant Application: Vibrant Salon requested \$236.50 for half the cost of new store signs. Motion by Hinkley, second by Tice to approve request. Melting abstained from voting. Motion carried UC

Red River Promoter Invoice: Invoice received for advertising for Spring Community Dinner at a cost of \$69.00. Motion by C. Aarestad to pay the invoice, second by Melting. Motion carried UC

LRC Kitchen Towels: motion to set a budget of \$100 for the purchase of new bar towels, dish towels, and hooks for the maintenance closet by C. Aarestad, second by Scholl. Motion carried UC

Halstad Living Center-discussion regarding promotion of the Halstad Living Center as one of Halstad's largest employers as well as an award-winning facility

Housing Development: Discussion regarding the use of a realtor or some other venue such as Zillow to promote lots available for development in Halstad. Discussion regarding possibly contacting a builder with local subcontractors to lend expertise in cost effective housing development and spec homes.

**Community Updates – none**

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm. Next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Scholl  
Secretary