

Regular Board Meeting
March 18, 2025, 4:30pm @ 4388 W M-72 HWY, Grayling

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by Karl Schreiner.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Karl Schreiner, Laurie Jamison, Sandy Woods, Cheryl Wolkens, Mark Ostahowski, and Shannon Sorenson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Thompson.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Brian McLaughlin, Lorelei King, Scott Ulery, Lynn Cheney and one guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Schreiner. A prayer was offered by Schreiner.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

Motion by Ostahowski to approve the agenda for March 18, 2025, with the addition of new business B: New Employee Schedule C: Rebranding, and D: Breakfast supported by Sorenson. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Motion by Ostahowski, to approve the minutes dated February 18, 2024, supported by Wolkens. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Discussed the financial report

Motion by Woods, to accept and file the financial report dated February 28, 2025, supported by Jamison. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORTS:

A. Northeast Michigan Regional Council on Aging – Scott Ulery

Ulery will have a report after next week's meeting. Last meeting was about the budget and waiting for the federal budget to get approved. Cuts are expected.

B. Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MASC) – Lorelei King

King had a handout in the board packet about advocacy points. Woods stated that the advocacy handouts were wonderful.

C. Directors Report

Discussed the Directors report.

Motion by Ostahowski, to receive and file the director's report, supported by Jamison. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Board Governance Policy – Evaluate Board Governance Policy

Discussed the board governance policy.

Motion made by Sorenson, to put off the evaluation of the board governance policy for 6 months, until September, supported by Jamison. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

New Employee Schedule

Director McLaughlin gave an overview of the schedule changes with opening back up with dinner.

B. Rebranding

Director McLaughlin gave a sample of 4 rebranding. The board likes the idea of rebranding. Ostahowski stated that we should get a survey of current users of the center about the logos.

Sorenson gave information about the DDA, main street rebranding and contacts.

C. Breakfast

Director McLaughlin went over the meal surveys. With the option of breakfast, dinner or neither. Survey results were: 15 Breakfast, 6 Dinner, 13 Neither. McLaughlin asked about the board input on meals. The COA would need to send the information to the AAA for approval.

Motion made by Jamison, to explore and if approved to move forward with breakfast, supported by Wolken. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Sorenson, how was your first meeting?

Jamison stated that she had her 1st grandbaby.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Charles David Church is concerned about the new direction. The plans on redirecting the services away from seniors. Thinks that it should be set up as a recreation authority. Does not think it should be coming from taxpayers. Transparency is important. Thinks it's crazy to change the name. Totally against the rebranding. Schreiner stated that we are at the cap for operating expenses through millage.

Scott Ulrey had a meeting about senior companions and would like post a sign to get more volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Woods, Secretary

Recorded by Lynn Cheney