



Waverly Community Group, Inc.

WAC Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 29, 2010, 7:15-8:45pm

Turning Point at Waverly School, 10431 NCR 15

Committee Members Present: Helen Boggs, Jane Clark, Jan Kroeger, Rob McDonald, Tom Niichel, Leslie Sorensen, and George Wallace. 7/12 WAC members present)

Committee Members Absent: Kathy Monty, Hugh Mowery, Carolyn Ownby, Ron Splittgerber, and Karl Zeller.

Guests: Rosemary Niichel, George Reed, Tom McMillan, Dick Sorensen, and Nancy Wallace.

By 7:25 there was a quorum of 7/12 WAC members.

Secretary's Report: The March 25th minutes were accepted as emailed with Sue's correction on the Website Updating.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy was not present. It was assumed that there is still ~\$460 in the treasury.

Old Business

1. Unreported meetings of Local Interest.

A. **March T-Bar Breakfast** – no report.

B. **Other County Commissioner breakfast meetings** – no report

C. **Other recent meetings not listed** –

1. **Horse Businesses** hearing w/ Planning Commission – Nancy reported that all (11) speakers at the Planning Commission hearing were favorable to the new proposed regulations. The LCC will be planning the Transition Program for pre-existing businesses. Additional language is needed for ranches (over 35 acres). The Planning Commission passed the proposal with the following population/number guidelines:

10 acres – no more than 4 horses boarded or 8 riding lessons

20 acres – no more than 6 horses boarded ...

35 acres – no more than 8 horses boarded ...

An additional review will be necessary if the property owner wishes to increase these numbers. These numbers represent the pre-existing "Use by right" agricultural standard already in use by the county regulations with a \$10 certificate.

Site plan reviews with minimal fees will be done for existing facilities during the transition period. After that either a Minor Review or a Special Review will be necessary.

The committee continues to work on a management plan.

Private ownership of (!) horse per half acre has not changed.

For more information see the link from the Virtual Courthouse.

2. **Ag Advisory Board** – George reported that Lew Gaiter attended this month's meeting and seems to be making a diligent effort at learning county business.

2. May 15th Pancake Breakfast

A. Jan handed around the current sign-up sheets and the rest of the blanks were filled in by volunteers.

Rob MacDonald is to contact Tim D'Amata from the Weed Department to bring a display. He will also make and position (2) new A-frame signs which can be reused for other functions.

George will be in charge of providing and setting up a WAC table with maps.

Jane will make a laminated banner advertising the website.

Ron is getting the invitation cards out.

B. Due to upcoming expenditures, Helen petitioned the group to raise the suggested individual donation back up to \$5.00 for adults with children under 12 eating free. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the WAC to do this.

C. Other venues for events next year. – Nancy mentioned that a homeowner's homeowner insurance policy should cover random events unless there was a clear issue of negligence. For the most part this item was tabled until next month.

3. 501 c (3) application. Ron was not present, but Rosemary Niichel and George Reed brought up objections for becoming a 501C3. They felt there would be loss of community trust in grant application and that there might be additional undesirable strings we would have to address from the grantors. Jane and Nancy defended our participation and the vote taken at the FMM October 17, 2009. There was additional discussion. A motion was made by Rom Niichel, seconded by Rob MacDonald, and approved by the WAC members present that stated,

"That the 501(c)(3) status as applied for will not be used for any project without approval of the Waverly Community Group at an annual (full membership) meeting, with friendly amendment by Tom Niichel, seconded by Rob MacDonald, that any project proposed will be submitted to the membership with two weeks written notice. Motion and friendly amendment passed unanimously."

4. Stewardship Trust Update – The final draft of the applications have been sent and are currently being reviewed. George has been asked to send the reviewers (8) more copies of the packet.

5. Net Zero Committee. The committee is still in an investigative phase. Tax credits are available, possibly for some group activities. The stock market is trading in notill carbon credits and an organization called NRCS calculates the carbon offset amount. Helen will be setting up a table for the committee at the Pancake Breakfast. Gary Meyer, REA's Energy Guy, can do either a 20 minute or a 55 minute presentation. When do we want to have him come and do a short program? The group proposed June 10, which Helen will clear with the School, and a motion was made, seconded and passed that proposed that we ask for the 55 minute presentation.

6. Website Corrections. Tabled until next month.

7. Time of Darkness reschedule? – Kathy was not present.

New Business

1. Clingan Review comments – Jane noted that the WAC provided a detailed response to the county on this issue.

2. Ian Anderson's Fall Shakespeare Play proposal – Helen reported that mosquitoes are a large problem around the school and will call Kathy to have her relay this information to Ian Anderson.

3. Karen Riedlinger development update – Helen reported that Karen's development request for an additional building to house a water therapy device for horses was approved by the county, but, due to the current financial atmosphere, Karen had decided not to pursue this project at this time.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Boggs, WAC Secretary