



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5

Time: 8:00 AM (Remote Meeting)

Present

- David Lewis
- Lillian Bayles
- Jim Webb
- Kelly Pehrson
- Ted Lewis
- Paul Morris
- Senator Scott Sandall
- Darrell Hunting
- Steve Lund

Absent / Not Confirmed

- Wade Garrett
- Kip Paul
- Jennifer Seelig
- Tommy Joe Lucia

2. Meeting Called to Order

Chair David Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

3. Volunteer Recognition Event Proposal

- Lillian and Larry presented a plan for a volunteer appreciation banquet.
- Target date confirmed as March 28.
- Event will recognize more than 300 volunteers, including those with 20–25+ years of service.

- Staff are coordinating cost estimates for food, awards, and logistics.

4. Budget Discussion

- Proposed budget: Up to \$30,000.
- Expectation is to remain under this amount.
- Request to allow plus-one guests for volunteers to encourage attendance.
- Legal review needed for employee-related per-diem compliance.

5. Future Planning

- Suggestion to make the banquet an annual budgeted event.
- Board discussed recognizing partner agencies (DNR, Department of Agriculture, Farm Bureau) in future years.

6. Additional Notes

- Many volunteers travel long distances; an early dinner time (around 4:30 PM) was recommended.
- The event will include an introduction of the board and staff to volunteers.

7. Motion and Vote

Motion to:

- Approve the March 28 volunteer recognition banquet
- Approve a budget of up to \$30,000
- Allow plus-ones (pending policy review)
- Include the event as an annual budget item

Vote: Passed unanimously. Lillian made the motion to approve the budget Ted seconded

8. Adjournment: Lillian made the motion to adjourn Jim seconded
Motion to adjourn passed. The meeting was formally adjourned.