

Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024 Minutes
5:00 p.m.
Richland #44 High School



Richland #44 Foundation Minutes

Present: Megan Kummer, Katie Hegseth, Scott Johnson, Jenny Schmitt, Chad Ulven, Nicole Holdman, Dr. Britney Gandhi

Absent:

Others Present: Dallas Loff, Craig Olson, Jeffrey Olson, Juli Mauch, Becky Bakke, Tamera Frankl

Agenda Items	Discussion/Motion
NEW BUSINESS: <i>Megan Kummer called for any additions to the agenda. Hearing none the agenda was approved.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approval of the October 2nd and October 9th, 2024 Minutes	DR. BRITNEY GANDHI MOTIONED TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2ND AND OCTOBER 9TH, 2024 MEETING MINUTES. SCOTT JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Land Rental Agreements	<p>The Board welcomed Dallas Loff, Craig Olson, and Jeffrey Olson to the meeting to discuss the renewal of land leases. This marks the first time the current Foundation Board will oversee lease negotiations. The current three-year lease is set to expire on December 31, 2024.</p> <p>The renters expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to steward the land, and the Board, in turn, expressed its appreciation for their care and commitment.</p> <p>During the discussion on renewing the land rent agreements, the following key points were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintaining local renters is a priority.A disparagement clause will be added to the new contracts. <p>CHAD ULVEN MOTIONED TO APPROVE A NEW THREE-YEAR LAND LEASE WITH LOFF FARMS AND J&C OLSON FARMS. DISPARAGEMENT CLAUSE LANGUAGE WILL BE ADDED TO THE NEW LEASE AGREEMENTS. KATIE HEGSETH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Taylor Gakin, NDSU	<p>The Board was pleased to welcome Taylor Gakin, a student from NDSU, who presented an in-depth EPAC market research report. The presentation included a comprehensive marketing plan, operating income analysis, and donor benefits for the EPAC. The Board requested that Taylor's insights be shared with Janna Koble for further collaboration.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEP Rough ins Interior. • Setting RTU's on Area A. • Temp Enclosures and in wall backing install. <p>Look Ahead Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior MEP Rough In's ongoing. • Metal Panel Install- The week of the 18th. • Roofing ongoing. • Sheetrocking at the End of November.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water & Sewer Easement 	<p>There is concern regarding the methods for addressing the water and sewer easement: boring versus trenching. Boring, though less invasive, is a more expensive option. Dr. Gandhi stated she would investigate potential cost increases and determine if boring is feasible within the project's budget.</p> <p>There may be funding available in the contingency fund.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPAC General Manager ~Budget ~Goals 	<p>Janna Kobel will be presenting for discussion at the December meeting an EPAC budget and goals as we move forward.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPAC Accounting 	<p>We are working with Eide Bailly to complete the 990 as well as getting the books organized to onboard the EPAC building and operations.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPAC Fundraising Report & Updates 	<p>The Fundraising Committee continues to hold bi-weekly meetings and is encouraged by the positive response from donors and corporate partners. Their efforts remain focused on the '44 for 44' campaign.</p> <p>To further engage the community, two informational meetings are scheduled for November 7th and November 21st.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Night Recap 	<p>Jenny Schmitt was present at the Richland #44 Scholarship night. Attendance was low, which was disappointing. The board discussed if there was a better time or date to make sure students and parents can be in attendance.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GHD Updates 	<p>We are still looking to secure a \$3,000 match. The focus of GHD will be adding computer technology to support students taking dual credit classes.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charitable Gaming 	<p>We continue to look for potential locations.</p>

The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Becky Bakke and Juli Mauch