

Winona ORC Industries
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of August 27, 4:30 pm

Members Present: Judy Herdina, Marie Kovecsi (Secretary), John Milek (Chair), Bill Reinarts, Connie Tropple, Jim Vrchota, Ron Wenzel, Heidi Smith (Executive Director).

1. Meeting called to order, 4:35pm. Review and approval of agenda.
Motion: Jim Vrchota and Bill Reinarts.

2. Review and approval of minutes, June 11, 2018.
Motion: Bill Reinarts and Jim Vrchota.

3. Finance Committee Report.
YTD \$90, 105 behind budget. Steps taken: staff reductions, received grant awards:
Bremer-- \$61,017 for technology (software and new telephone system.) DEED award-- \$52,376.
Finalize Financial Report, May, June, July.
Motion: Ron Wenzel, Judy Herdina.

4. New Business

A. Recruiting-- colleges (LaCrosse, Winona); 3 Job Coach interviews set up. Approved increase of \$1/hour and current Job Coaches receive increase also.

B. MOHR (Minnesota Organization Habilitation/Rehabilitation):
Discussion of lawsuit over ARMHS Reductions of 7% from DHS:
Collecting evidence of hardships caused by the 7% reduction (Center for Medicare Services).
Background: State legislature cut 7%, then replaced it but Governor vetoed it. Meanwhile, Federal government is paying State the full (7%) amount. Question: what is the State doing with the 7% from the Federal government if they are not passing it on?

5. Executive Director Report: Starlight Stroll, Nov 2nd. Need volunteers.
Discussion of REACH program-- Chamber of Commerce and Winona Area Public Schools effort to develop curriculum and pre-vocational experiences with high school students in trades, manufacturing and health care jobs. Heidi is working on this Committee.

Motion to adjourn, Jim Vrchota, Bill Reinarts, 5:25 pm.
Next meeting, September 24, 2018, 4:30 pm, ORC meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted:



Marie Kovecsi, Secretary