

**January 17, 2024, Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting**

Call to Order -5:34 pm by Board Vice President Jonathan Haux

Roll Call - Nicole Raye, Bill Erickson, Laura Maeyaert, Brock Tallackson (by phone), Jonathan Haux, Angela Smith, David Grovin, Shane Cullen, Dan Suckert., Mike Nubis. Also in attendance were Beth Jansen, Brad Stedman

Absent: Brad Nudell, Kent Lindemann, Kristen Fellows (sick)

Agenda Approval – Agenda reviewed. moved, Bill Erickson, Second Laura Maeyaert. Beth added Giving Hearts information. Motion to approve with addition, Shane, Seconded Nicole. Unanimous approval

Consent Agenda: Unanimously approved.

President's Report

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee Report:

It is time for a soft close of the 2023 year. Bigger changes are coming, and inventory assets need to be adjusted. Property and equipment numbers will change as a result. Most investments have been recorded, and it is time to collect from last year. The IDOL loan will start trickling down soon. An audit will occur in March. The numbers will be solid by the annual meeting.

Note: Bonanzaville started doing the audit because of the financial mess of the mid-2010s. The audit gives the organization transparency.

Motion to accept: Laura M., Shane C. seconded.

Collections Committee

Nothing to report.

Grounds Committee

Nothing to report.

Volunteer Committee

Nothing to report.

Safety Committee

We have two new AEDs (defibrillators) in the village.

Fundraising

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Arthur Town Hall Update: Beth met with Doug Burgum's representative (Andrea Nelson), asking for support for Arthur Town Hall. There are no building updates.

Dawson is coming down in April when the weather gets nice.

Hunter Times has a new cedar siding going up.

Beth proposed a Recruitment event this spring to recruit members and potential board members. Come have a drink. Have a quick tour of the museum and village.

New Business

Grievance and Accounting Policy annual review.

Nomination Committee for board members: Four open seats: Kristen, Laura, Brad, and Jonathon are going off. Three or four nominees are needed.

Bill Erickson, Dave Grovin, and Shane Cullen volunteer to be on the nominating committee. Bill volunteered to chair. Beth will also be on the committee.

Beth asked everyone to fill out the contact sheet, which will give the committee a list to draw from.

Shane mentioned the possibility of a noon meeting. Beth will send out a Doodle form to see what time/day works best for the majority for the 2024-2025 board.

No further new business.

Motion to Adjourn

6:18 pm Angela S moved to adjourn, and Dan S. seconded.

**Feb. 21, 2024, Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting**

Call to Order -Meeting Called to order at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call - Nicole Raye, Bill Erickson, Brock Tallackson, Jonathan Haux, Angela Smith, David Grovin, Kent Lindemann, Kristen Fellows. Also in attendance were Beth Jansen, Brad Stedman,

Absent: Dan Suckert. Shane Cullen, Mike Nubis, Laura Mayert, Brad Nudell,

Agenda Approval – Jonathon Haux moved; Bill Erickson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda-Motion to approved, Bill Erickson, Brock Tallakson Seconded. Unanimously approved.

President's Report- Kristen Fellows

We have had a curator for a year. The value of having this role filled has helped focus the organization, and we are seeing a return on the investment. The position is working well.

Finance Committee Report:

The county allocation was sent out later this year than last year. This fact makes the numbers look different, but in actuality, they are similar to last year.

Collections Committee

Note: the committee meeting on Feb. 15. Discussion of NAGPRA and deaccessioning.

Grounds Committee

Kent Linndeman reported.

Arthur Town Hall: Waiting for Rich (architect).

Hunter Times: The floor is sinking 6 inches. Cement blocks have sunk into the ground, and there are no concrete pads. They built the timber on the dirt, which is why it is sinking. The floor was fixed last year by a contractor, but they did not fix the foundation. The floor has to be opened. The weight of the lead is also not helping the situation. The press will stay, but the drawers and the type need to come out. The goal is to get the lead moved soon and take up the floor to try and get it fixed.

Volunteer Committee

Nothing to Report

Safety Committee

Nothing to report.

Fundraising

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Member recruitment event: On April 25, there will be a pre-opening membership drive event with hors d'oeuvres and drinks. It will be a social event to introduce contacts to the organization and solicit membership.

Board Member nominations: six people have filled out applications for the board. There will be between 8 and 9 candidates for 6 slots.

Picture and bio will be sent to board members to vote at the next meeting. Kristen Fellows asked board members to read the bios before the meeting.

New Business

Survey results for meeting time. Over 75% of the people wanted Wednesday at 5:30 pm. We will stay with the current schedule.

Annual meeting: Be thinking of officers for the annual meeting.
April 17 @ 6 pm. Cocktails @5:30. There will be a taco bar.

Accession Policy Update: Motion to approve—Brock; seconded Jonathon. Unanimous approval, See attached for the new language.

Motion to Adjourn

Move to Adjourn Angela Smith ; seconded David Groven. Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm

**March. 20, 2024 Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting**

Call to Order -Meeting Called to order at 5:31 pm.

Roll Call: Shane Cullen, Nicole Raye, Brock Tallackson, Jonathan Haux, Angela Smith, Kent Lindemann, Kristen Fellows, Shane Cullen, Mike Nubis, Laura Mayert, Brad Nudell. Beth Jansen was also in attendance via phone.

Absent: Bill Erickson, David Grovin

Agenda Approval – Laura moved; Nicole seconded. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda: Shane motioned to approve, and Mike seconded. Unanimously approved.

Discussion: Brad Nudell raised the issue of why the bandstand roof was torn down. The bandstand roof had safety issues. The bandstand still stands; it is just the roof that was torn down. Beth consulted with two contractors, but there wasn't a way to fix it without the roof coming down. Everyone is in favor of rebuilding the roof.

President's Report

This is her last meeting. Thanks to the board. Reminders: six new board members will be elected at the annual meeting—and there are 8 nominations. We need diverse experience on the board. Encourage us to continue to onboard new board members. We will elect officers. Go back to the by-laws and review the duties. Reminder about the conflict-of-interest policy for new board members. She is doing fieldwork at 4E Winery and invites the board to participate. In the board meeting after the annual meeting, we will select officers and choose meeting dates. Kristen is proud of the work we have been doing.

Finance Committee Report:

Everything looks good for the first two months of the year, and no major concerns.

Collections Committee

Nothing to report

Grounds Committee

Kent has been working with Hunter Time to fix the foundation. To solve the problem, he put in a floating slab and rebraced the floor joists. He got a good deal on the concrete. The total is \$42,000, which is a good deal for the work being done. Kent went to the electric company and figured out a way to make the management turn off the electricity for the village in one place. Arthur: The carpenter is working, and electricity is being set up. Progress is happening.

Volunteer Committee

Nothing to Report

Safety Committee

Nothing to report

Fundraising

Nothing to report

Old Business

Museum Grand opening announcement. New tires for Steiger 1—the new tires are now on the tractor.

New Business

Nominee approval: Jonathon moved to approve all; Brad seconds. Unanimous approval.

Bill would be willing to be nominated for president and Dave G. for vice president.

Motion to Adjourn

Angela moved adjourn, and Brad Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 6:45

Annual Meeting
April 17, 2024
Cass County, ND, Historical Society

Call to Order - VP Jonathon Haux called the meeting to order at 6:30

Introductions

Welcome to special guests: Mayor West Fargo Bernie Dardis, Red River Valley Fair Grounds CEO Cody Cashman, Jim Capitan, and Cass County commissioner.

Each board member was introduced.

Present: Shane Cullen, Nicole Raye, Brock Tallackson, Jonathan Haux, Angela Smith, Kent Lindemann, Shane Cullen, Mike Nubis, Laura Mayert, Brad Nudell, Bill Erickson, David Grovin

Everyone was in attendance except Board President Kristen Fellows.

Board President's Report

Board President Kristen Fellows' report was read by Jonathon Haux

Last Year's Meeting Minutes

April 20th 2023

Moved to approve: Brad Nudell

Seconded: Duane Durr

Passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Beth Jansen Introduces the staff and talks about annual achievements.

Curator's Report

Curator Dave Hubin discusses the recent Institute of Museum and Library Services Collections Assessment Program grant award and its benefits to the organization.

Financial Overview Report

Brad Steadman reported that the organization is in a good position because of good loan rates, sponsorships, and donations.

Old Business

None

New Business

Glenn Ellingsberg recommends that the board meet in the upstairs meeting space to accommodate more visitors. He also asked that the meeting agenda be more specific.

Mark Helfter asked about Dawson Hall's status. Jonathon explained that it is in bad shape, particularly the roof. It is scheduled to be torn down. "It is past its usefulness and has become a liability," Beth said that Dawson Hall will be torn down in the fall or next spring.

Election

Introduction to those running for the board.

John Creese, Brian Geffre, Brent Haugen, Mona Mendez, Jen Neuteboon, Matt Oye, Dan Suckert, Brock Tallackson.

Vote results:

John Creese, Bryan Geffre, Brent Haugen, Matt Oye, Dan Sucket, Brock Tallackson

Adjourn

Moved to adjourn: Dan Suckert
Second: Mike Nubis
Meeting adjourned. 8:00

Board Meeting

Call to order: Jonathon Haux, Vice President (Exciting)
8:07 PM

Present: Shane Cullen, Matt Oye, John Creese, Brent Haugen, Mike Novis, Kent Lindeman, Dan Suckert, Bill Erickson, Dave Grovin, Angela Smith, Nicole Raye, Brock Tallackson

Meeting Times and Dates for 2024-2025 are approved.

Elect new officers.
Bill Erickson is nominated for President.
Dan motioned, and Brock seconded.
Unanimously elected.

Bill Erickson nominated Dave Grovin for Vice President.
Motion to accept.
Brock moved, and Dan seconded.

Brock nominated Angela Smith for secretary.
Motion to accept, Nicole Raye
Mike seconded.
Unanimous

Shane nominated Brock for treasurer.
Motion to accept Shane.
Second Mike
Unanimous

Adjournment
Angela moves to adjourn.
Nicole seconded.
Adjourned at 8:22 PM

Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting

May 15, 2024, minutes

Call to Order -Meeting: President Bill Erickson called to order at 5:30.

Roll Call - Nicole Rygh, Bill Erickson, Brock Tallackson, Angela Smith, David Grovin, Kent Lindemann, Matt Oye, Dan Suckert, Mike Novis, Bryan Geffre, Brent Haugen, John Creese
Also in attendance were Beth Jansen, Brad Stedman,

Absent: Shane Cullen

Agenda Approval – Motion to approve Brock, Second Kent, Unanimous approval.

Consent Agenda-Motion to approve: Dan, Second Nicole, Unanimous approval.

President's Report

Bill thanked Beth and the team for the Grand Opening evening. It went well, and the attendance was good. He noted that the exhibits are excellent.

Finance Committee Report

Brad Stedman reviewed the finances for the new board members. The total cash and savings are around one million dollars. He explained the different kinds of funds available.

Collections Committee: Nothing to report.

John Creese volunteered to be on the committee.

Building and Grounds Committee

Hunter Times is still in the middle of the street. Kent is waiting on the house mover. Blinds in Arthur Town Hall will be inside the glass. Waiting to brace in Arthur Town Hall. The committee's role is to help determine what needs to be fixed in the village, develop lists, and make recommendations.

Bryan Geffre volunteered to be on the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Volunteer Committee: Nothing to Report

Nicole, Bill, Brock, and Matt Oye volunteered for this committee. The Committee's role is to structure events for volunteers.

Safety and Accessibility Committee: Nothing to report.

Mike Nobis will serve on this committee with Dan Suckert and Brad Nudell. Role of Committee: The committee is responsible for identifying and bringing to the board's and ED's attention safety issues throughout the village.

Fundraising: Nothing to report

Members: Tom, Shane, and Brock. Mike volunteered to be on this committee, too. Brock will be the new chair. The committee's role is to develop systems, solicit donation commitments, and in general raise funds.

Old Business

Arthur Town Hall update—not much movement Hunter Times update-not much movement, waiting on the house movers. Nothing more to report

New Business

Audit issue: Identified a conflict. Nicole's husband is a partner in EIDE Bailey.

Motion to change the EIDE Bailey Partner reviewer to an outside location if there is no added cost Motion Dan, Second Bryan, unanimously approved. Abstained: Nicole

Accessibility to the church—Kent explained the issue with the church and wheelchair accessibility. There was a discussion about broader ADA issues in the village. The safety and Accessibility Committee will evaluate these issues.

Onboard scheduling

June 18 @ 5:30-7:30 (Tuesday, the day before the board meeting). Mike raised Glen Ellingsberg's issue with the board agenda and meeting space. After a short discussion, we decided that if more people attended the meeting, we would move upstairs. Visitors who attend meetings must be on the agenda before they can talk. We will also put a sign-out.

Motion to Adjourn: Dave, Second Kent, unanimously approved.
The meeting adjourned at 6:39 am

**June. 19, 2024 Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting**

Call to Order -Meeting called to order by Bill Erickson at 5:32 pm.

Roll Call: Shane Cullen, Nicole Rygh, Angela Smith, Kent Lindemann, Bill Erickson, Matt Oye, Brian Geffres, Dan Suckert, Dave Grovin, John Creese, Brent Haugen. Beth Jansen and Brad Steadman were also in attendance.

Absent: Brock Tallackson, Mike Nobis,

Agenda Approval – Dan moved, and Dave seconded. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda: motioned to approve, Brian and Dan seconded. Unanimously approved.

President's Report

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee Report:

A savings account at Bell Bank has been set aside for the Law Enforcement Museum project work in the village. Brad S. explained how he shows capital spending in the financial report. Expenditures for capital improvement are assigned at the end of the year. The balance sheet is compared to the budget and last year's balance sheet. There was a discussion about in-kind accounting.

Collections Committee

Nothing to report.

Grounds Committee

Report in "Old Business."

Volunteer Committee

Met last week. Nicole and Bill Erickson attended. Nicole is now the chair. There will be a volunteer meal in November and staff will not cook the meals. Instead, they will be catered. Still looking for volunteers for the 4th.

Safety Committee

Nothing to report.

Fundraising

A meeting was held. Beth put together a brochure for corporate giving and sponsorships. Board reviewed. Talked about bringing senior citizens in by bus to visit. Planning has begun for that.

Old Business

Aurthur Town Hall: We are working on siding replacement and trying to complete the outside. We are getting ready for electrical. The windows should be here shortly. We are working on sewer and water. There is a sewer line with clay pipe, and it is not draining. We don't know where we are going to get water yet. We might have to go to the middle of the grounds. Kent needs a game plan for water and sewer. After that, the project can move forward.

Hunter Times: The house movers moved the Hunter Times but placed it incorrectly. They have to return and roll the building back to the right place.

New Business

Audit and Audit level review.

The review raised a couple of issues, one of which was the segregation of duties. The auditors are concerned about the segregation of financial responsibilities, which, according to Brad, is a standard note for an audit.

Employee benefits proposal: Change the benefit from a stipend to a regular benefit plan. Beth has done the research and is proposing that full-time employees get medical and dental coverage. This will begin in October. We need three people to start this. Bonanzaville will pay 60% of the medical insurance and staff will pay for the total dental option if desired. This is a transition from the stipend to a benefit. \$1600 per month for all employees has already been budgeted. This cost will now be used to purchase group health insurance.

Motion to offer benefits in place of stipend and change the language about benefits in the employee handbook to reflect this.

Dan moved, and Dave seconded.
Unanimous approval

Motion to Adjourn

6:30 Dan Motioned to adjourn, Seconded Brian Unanimously approved.

**July. 17, 2024 Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting**

Call to Order -Meeting called to order by David Groven at 5:33 pm.

Roll Call: Nicole Rygh, Matt Oye, Brian Geffre, Kent Lindemann, Brent Haugen, Dan Suckert, David Groven. Also in attendance: Beth Jansen and Brad Stedman.

Absent: Brock Tallackson, Mike Nobis, Shane Cullen, Bill Erickson, Angela Smith, John Creese.

Agenda Approval – Motion to Approve Matt, Brent second, unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda: motioned to approve, Matt and Dan seconded. Unanimously approved.

Discussion: Beth added that the air conditioning in the Main building needs repair, and a quote for \$11,435 was obtained. She noted that she would seek a donation to assist with the repairs. Also noted was the current IT updating and its effect She noted she would seek a donation to assist with the repairs. Also noted was the current IT updating and the effect it will have on that line of the budget.

President's Report

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee Report:

Brad noted that revenue is looking better on many lines than budgeted and expenses to date are also in line with budget. No Concerns noted at this time.

Collections Committee

Nothing to report.

Grounds Committee

Report in "Old Business."

Volunteer Committee

Nicole reported two dates have been set for the volunteer committee. November 20th as a volunteer appreciation meal and September 22nd for committee to assist with this years First Responder family fun day.

Safety Committee

Brent reported the 4th of July parade went well with no safety concerns noted.

Fundraising

Nothing to report by the committee.

Old Business

Aurthur Town Hall: Kent updated the board on the siding noting that what can be reused will be and any added will match as this type of siding is ready available. Kent also noted the clay piping will be held off until funding is secured, the electrical is in progress, inside is shored up, and windows should be in shortly.

Hunter Times: Kent reported the house movers corrected the error, blocking was completed, and the building will be placed back on blocking shortly with flooring to be returned and steps or deck to be added.

New Business

County budget hearing: Beth encouraged board members to attend the meeting next Thursday July 25th at 8:45 at the courthouse in Fargo to show their support of the organization as we are making a large ask to assist with infrastructure projects in the village.

Arthur Town Hall Financials: Discussion was held on the costs of the project going forward and the need for fairly firm numbers to protect the organizations finances. Kent noted several areas the project is under budget, and ensured the board a full budget will be forthcoming. Beth reminded the board that the reserve funding was set aside in 2022 to prevent more debt being incurred for larger projects. No action was taken at this time.

Some minor discussion was held on other possible projects.

Motion to Adjourn

6:36 Matt Motioned to adjourn, Seconded Dan Unanimously approved.

**August 21, 2024, Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting**

Call to Order -The Meeting was called to order by Bill Erickson at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call: Mike Nobis, Nicole Raye, Angela Smith, Kent Lindemann, Bill Erickson, Matt Oye, Brian Geffre, Brock Tallackson, Dan Suckert, Dave Grovin, John Creese, Brent Haugen. Beth Jansen and Brad Steadman were also in attendance.

Absent: Shane Cullen

Agenda Approval: Dave moved, and Nicole seconded. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda: Dave motioned to approve and seconded by Mike. Unanimously approved.

President's Report: Bill attended the Cass County Commission Meeting on 7/25/24 noting that attendance by board members was excellent. The team went into the meeting knowing they would cut money, but they did not cut our allocation and allowed for \$100,000 if matched by \$200,000 for infrastructure repair.

Finance Committee Report:

Special events are coming in slightly below budget—everything else is on target.

Collections Committee

Nothing to report.

Grounds Committee

Hunter is almost functional. The floor is in. The slab for law enforcement is getting ready to be poured. Fargo's first house and Martinson Cabin are practically done. Arthur Town Hall is getting concrete poured soon.

Volunteer Committee

The First Responders event will be held on September 22 from 12 to 5, and the volunteer event will be on November 20.

Safety Committee

Nothing to report.

Fundraising

David Grovin and Beth have been talking to a fundraising professional from Madora. They are going to investigate the possibility of hiring her to advise, train and assist in raising the match for the county of \$200,000.

Old Business

Arthur Town Hall update: The windows are here. They will be installed next weekend. They are pouring concrete this week and working on ductwork. Note from the board: Make sure to fill out the warranty for the new windows. The project is scheduled for completion next summer. Winter will be inside finishing.

Kent is redoing the sewer line from Building 16 to the water main.

Hunter Times: It is nearly done and will be open this weekend. New power in Hunter and barbershop.

MAP Assessment: The site visit will happen in September. Beth has requested participation in a meeting with the MAP team and will send out the agenda and invites for the times board participation is encouraged.

New Business

Arthur Town Hall Financials —Approximately \$90,000 needs to be raised. The project has been within budget. Chandeliers for Dawson will go into Arthur.

Remaining 2024 project needs: The telephone building needs a new roof. A restricted fund covers that building, and Beth is reaching out to the donors to let them know the money to pay for the roof will come from their donated funds.

Reserve Funding Request: Beth proposes that \$100,000 be transferred from reserve funding into restricted funds. It will pay for Arthur Town Hall project shortfall and the Telephone Museum roof.

Motion: Angela moved to take \$100,000 from IDLE funds to cover the Arthur Town Hall shortfall and the new roof for the Telephone Museum. Second Matt. Discussion. Unanimous approval.

DAR will be placing a memorial on sight to be dedicated on September 21 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a reception. The board and members are invited to attend.

Motion to Adjourn

7 pm Move to adjourn-Angela. Seconded Dan. Unanimously approved.

9/18/2024, Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting

Call to Order -The Meeting was called to order by Bill Erickson at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call: Nicole Rygh, Kent Lindemann, Bill Erickson, Brian Geffre, Dan Suckert, John Creese, Brent Haugen. Mike Nobis and Brock Tallackson by conference call. Beth Jansen, Charlotte Stoddard, Jonathan Haux, Kylin Cummings (MAP Peer Reviewer) and Brad Steadman were also in attendance.

Absent: Shane Cullen, Angela Smith, Matt Oye, David Groven

Agenda Approval: Kent moved, and Dan seconded. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda: Brian motioned to approve and seconded by John. Unanimously approved.

President's Report: No Report currently.

Finance Committee Report:

CDs were renewed minus the \$100,000 approved by Board at last meeting. Special events line and Fundraising Line looks to be coming under budget quite significantly but is being offset by Private Events, Mineral Rights, Admissions, and interest and dividend Lines and keeping expenses in check. Brad believes we may end the year slightly under budget in revenue and expenses.

Collections Committee

The Collection Committee met today prior to the board meeting. A few items were accepted into the collection and a batch was brought to the board for deaccessioning.

John Motioned for the following items to be deaccessioned:

1. Washing Machine: Donated in 1989. No provenance and no significant ties to the area. The item is large and could free up needed storage space.
2. Green Deere and Webber grain wagon: Donated in 1982 by Bob and Marilyn Bensen. Originally owned by John Holmen of Horace, ND. There is already a similar grain wagon in the collection that is in far better condition and is actively being exhibited.
3. McCormick-Deering corn cultivator: Donated in 1982 by Bob and Marilyn Bensen
4. Hospital Bed and table: Donated in 1972. The item has no history connected to Cass County.

5. Wheelchairs: One donated in 1976 the other in 1979, Both items have no personal history known about them nor any relevance to Cass County.

Ouse Family Farm Machinery:

These items were donated in 2010 by the Ouse family from rural Rothsay, MN. These items come from outside North Dakota, and take up a significant portion of storage space, it is proposed that these items be deaccessioned.

6. Manure spreader wagon, Brick Machine, Horse drawn seed planter, Tire bending machine, Horse drawn ice saw, Vegetable peeler, Blade Sharpener, Horsepower turning machine, Horse drawn Carriage, Hog crate, Wheel making machine, Avery Steel Separator.

Brett Seconded Motion, Motion Unanimously approved.

At This Time Charlotte introduced a MAP Deaccession Activity which was discussed.

Grounds Committee

It was reported that the duct work and windows were completed at Arthur, with the addition in progress. The law enforcement museum project is also underway and the roof on the phone building complete.

Volunteer Committee

The First Responders event is planned and set to go Sunday with Matt Oye giving the Welcome in Beths absence.

Safety Committee

No accident occurred on Pioneer Days, however there were a few volunteers including the blacksmiths who suffered heat related issues and were not in attendance or left early on Sunday.

Fundraising

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Arthur Town Hall update: work continues on or slightly below budget with addition and siding being completed this fall and inside work to be worked on this winter.

Reserve Funding: Moved as approved at last meeting.

Map Assessment: Kylin has been helping staff to determine the best way to address the deaccessioning of substantial amounts of items, reclassification of items throughout the

village, future storage, and care of the collection. A written report and recommendations will be provided in the next few weeks.

CD's: The two remaining CDs were renewed at 4.7% over seven months.

Volunteer Meal: will be catered for by Twisted Spork if available with Nicole determining menu etc.

New Business

Volunteer Meal: will be catered for by Twisted Spork if available with Nicole determining menu etc.

Village Center: The redevelopment of the village center was discussed with the removal of the two existing buildings occurring this fall and the potential for a recycled playground to be added. The Playground may go closer to Main building to ensure the center is left open for future redevelopment. It was also noted that the Playground may need some small repairs as it was removed due to complaints from the neighborhood of the city of Fargo neglecting the area. Beth will also be getting a quote for a replacement building of some kind to receive the \$118,000 remaining from the insurance company with the condition of rebuilding.

A brief discussion occurred on the Case Eagle needing to be restored and the possible project funders. The cost is \$35,000 quoted at this time. This is however still in the planning phase as the item will need to be deaccessioned by the collections committee and board prior to work.

Motion to Adjourn

6:13 pm Move to adjourn-Dan Seconded Brian. Unanimously approved.

**October 16, 2024, Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting**

Call to Order -Meeting Called to order by President Bill Erickson at 5:34

Roll Call

Bill Erickson, Angela Smith, Matt Oye, Dan Suckert, Mike Novis, Bryan Geffre, John Creese, David Groven. Also in attendance were Beth Jansen and Brad Stedman.

Absent: Nicole Raye, Brock Tallackson, Brent Haugen, Kent Lindemann, Shane Cullen

Agenda Approval – Motion to amend: Dan, move to add board member resignation to agenda. Seconded Brian, Unanimous approval

Consent Agenda-Motion to approve: Dan, Seconded Mat, Unanimous approval.

President's Report

Bill talked about the Conflict-of-Interest Policy for Board Members. The language in the bylaws notes that the board decides what is defined as a conflict of interest. Discussion ensued. The board agreed to make a policy that asks Beth for a bi-annual report that details quotes for work over \$20,000 from Board Members or Board Members' companies. This will become part of the accounting policy. Beth will write the policy and bring it back to the board next month for a vote. Bill reminded the board that the Executive Director deals with personnel issues. It is not the role of the board to triangulate personnel issues. Paranormal events have begun. Bill complimented the staff.

Finance Committee Report

Brad Stedman reviewed the finances. Cash is up a little. Pledges of \$33,000 will be in before the year's end. Bonanzaville should hit the budget for revenue and is below budget on expenses.

Collections Committee

Nothing to report.

Building and Grounds Committee

Nothing to report.

Volunteer Committee

Volunteer event November 20 upstairs. The board will serve and clean up. The board meeting will take place at 5 pm ahead of the event.

Safety and Accessibility Committee

Nothing to report.

Fundraising

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Arthur Town Hall—many items appear to be coming in under budget. The contractors are ready to do the walls. Plumbing, HVAC, and concrete are done.

Village Center—Dawson Hall is coming down. Beth decided to leave concrete. Idea—move the barber sharp to the concrete floor where Dawson is. Beth has gotten a cost estimate for replacing the old Carriage Building. \$168,000, and the insurance will cover \$118,000 if the building specs are approved. We have also gotten a recycled playground set to install.

New Business

Budget: Beth went over the changes she is making for 2025 budget. See attached.

Move to approve budget plan: Dan, seconded Dave, Unanimous Approval

Organizations 990: Beth presents 2023 990 Public Disclosure Document to the board.

Shane Cullen sent an email resigning from the board due to the time commitment and changes in his personal and professional life. As the board has its minimum required seats filled there is no need to fill his seat until April.

Motion to Adjourn: Bryan, seconded: Dave Unanimous Approval, Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm

**November 20, 2024, Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting
Zoom meeting because of bad weather.**

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order by President Bill Erickson at 5:02

Roll Call: Bill Erickson, Angela Smith, Mike Nobis, Brian Geffre, John Creese, Kent Lindemann. Brent Haugen, Nicole Rygh, Matt Oye. Beth Jansen and Brad Stedman were also in attendance.

Absent: Brock Tallackson, Dan Suckert

Agenda Approval: Brian moved, John Creese seconded, and there was unanimous approval.

Consent Agenda: Unanimous approval.

President's Report: Bill Erickson
Nothing to report.

Finance Committee Report: Brad Stedman

There have been a few changes, and there is not much to report. Budget lines are coming close to the anticipated budget or being supplemented by other lines.

Collections Committee:

Nothing to report.

Building and Grounds Committee

Kent—Dawson and the old carriage building have been demolished, with concrete left in place for possible future use and to prevent a mess in the spring. The Law Enforcement Museum is almost done, and Trangsrud projects are targeted to be finished soon. Arthur's town hall project continues with what can be completed in winter weather.

Volunteer Committee

The volunteer appreciation dinner is rescheduled for December 4 because of the weather.

Safety and Accessibility Committee

Nothing to report.

Fundraising

Beth hired Patrick Kirby, a local fundraising consultant, to assist in the raising of the \$200,000 for the county infrastructure match.

Old Business

Arthur Town Hall: Kent updated the board on progress.

Center—Beth has a potential donor who has expressed interest in funding a new space in the village center. She advised them to go to an architect and present a plan with what will be funded, which she will then present to the board.

New Business

The Operations Cash is tight. Beth anticipates we might have to draw from the line of credit before the end of the year. Brad noted that a look needs to be taken at the restricted accounts, as he feels they may now be overfunded with money that needs to be moved back to the operations account.

Policy Review: Four policies were up for review, with Beth's only recommendation at this time being to merge the Deaccession Policy with the Collection Policy.

Motion to approve policy: Brian, Seconded: John Creese, Unanimous approval.

Adjourned: 5:30 PM, Motion: Angela, Seconded: Brian., Unanimous Approval

**December 18th, 2024, Bonanzaville minutes
Cass County, ND, Historical Society- Board Meeting**

Call to Order -Meeting Called to order by President Bill Erickson at 5:35 PM

Roll Call : Bill Erickson, Angela Smith, Kent Lindemann. Brent Haugen, Nicole Rygh, Matt Oye, Mike Novis, Dan Suckert

Also in attendance were Beth Jansen, Brad Stedman,

Absent: Brock Tallackson, John Creese, Brian Geffre

Agenda Approval: motion to approve, Nicole, second, Dan
Unanimous Approval

Consent Agenda Approval: motion to approve, Dan, second, Nicole
Unanimous Approval

President's Report

Nothing to report

Finance Committee Report: There are few changes. Cash is down, but most of that went to capital projects. We hit annual income in November. Expenses will be below budget. Quite a few projects were completed this year.

Collections Committee:

Nothing to report

Building and Grounds Committee: The Arthur addition has been framed and sealed up for winter, and electrical work is done. Next year, the whole roof is slated for replacement with black shingles.

Volunteer Committee: The volunteer appreciation event was canceled. We will not be rescheduled at this time and will recognize their outstanding work at the annual meeting in April.

Safety and Accessibility Committee:

Nothing to report

Fundraising:

Nothing to report

Old Business:

Arthur Town Hall update—see Building and Grounds Committee notes.

Building Center Redevelopment—delayed decision-making and planning to January.

New Business:

Policy Review:

By-Laws

1. Add a report to the conflict-of-interest policy of over \$20,000 to a board member semi-annually—Article 5, section 3.
2. Absent for four consecutive meetings—add Zoom or phone as counting.
3. Three consecutive presidential terms instead of two.

Strategic Plan Notes:

Most Goals are on track for completion on time or during the year, as outlined in the plan, except the Founding Fargo Exhibit will not be finished by 5-1-25 and is being targeted for completion in spring 2026.

Donor Recognition and Naming Revenue— Per the Strategic Plan, Beth is working on a donor recognition plan and time limit for naming rights. Beth presented a plan for contracts, naming rights, and donor walls. Beth needs to contact the currently named streets/spaces designees and learn if a contract was signed. If so, what were the terms? And then negotiate with past donors for terms to be applied. No action needs to occur at this time, but the board will need to vote upon a final plan at our January 2025 meeting to raise the \$200,000 to the county's \$100,000 match funds beginning in 2025.

Gift Acceptance Policy—no discussion

Motion to adjourn: Dan, Seconded: Nicole, Unanimous Approval

Adjourned: 6:32 PM