

February 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Martha Buracker. Minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting were read by secretary Kristen Pence; minutes approved as presented.

Question raised to add minutes to the BCCA website. There are other items on the website that need to be updated. Martha will check with George Hodgkiss to see if this is something he can help us with moving forward.

Treasurer's Report: Ian Fisher absent, presented by Martha Buracker. Cash beginning: \$89,538.95; end \$91,183.73.

Committee Reports:

Trustees: Neil Pennington nailed up piece of kitchen ceiling that was falling; working on finalizing the repair

Scheduling: February 18 Paint party; yard sale March 8&9; BCCA March 11

History: no report

History and preservation club report: working on getting additional photographs for an historical calendar of the area

BEARR: Allen Brockway Feb 15, 2024 to April 30, 2024 – burn law goes into effect, burn after 4pm; fine of \$500 if burning before 4pm. 400 feet of woodland, brushland or fields, this DOES APPLY to campfires, household trash, brush etc. Will place info on BCCA FB page and BCCA email list; consider short article in the newsletter

Wildfires – Brian Wilkinson meeting with 2 reps from dept of forestry, will provide follow up to that meeting and more information on firewise community.

Speeding – (Brian) consider a flashing sign in the middle of Browntown? Will look into funding if anyone is interested. Reference is Rappahannock/Flint Hill area.

Sheriff Cline – (Brian) working to schedule a time she can visit with BCCA

Backup generators – (Brian) what are the options? Costs? Looking into both the community center and the substation; will report back

The county will now service the AED we have in the kitchen.

Supervisor Cheryl Cullers: VDOT spoke at the last BOS meeting, safety money available for reflector strips in the middle of Browntown Road. Unsure when they will be installed. Budget season – public sessions, and also posted on the website for viewing. Cullers will check on cost of flashing speed sign for us – does VDOT cover this or is it the locality. Broadband is at a standstill, CCullers will have more updates from them on Thursday. Requests at Richmond: 1) Broadband 2) increased VDOT money for rural roads. Communication ongoing with Rails and Trails, Rails to Trails; may ask for a speaker at a future meeting.

Old Business:

Holding on additional camera policy updates; will follow up with Ian and Edwin – neither are here this evening

City National Bank: 9m 4.67%; (4.75% annual); 16 months 4.76%, APY 4.85% - Current checking account at Truist.

Motion: Amended motion (Mary, second Wesley Deavers) – President Martha Buracker has permission to transfer \$50,000 to a 16-18month CD at the bank with the highest noted interest rate. (Initial motion was for 9 month CD, but members would like to lock in CD rates for longer, while they are higher)

Blessing Box: Browntown Baptist Church will be placing the Blessing Box. Will advertise it in the newsletter, FB, etc once it is placed.

Upcoming events:

Paint Party 1-3:30 this Saturday (Feb 18, 2024) \$45/person; community center will get half

Yard Sale March 8&9: Martha will schedule kitchen volunteers; there will be a separate bake sale running in the kitchen that day

Redbud April 20: Port-a-potty has been reserved; otherwise meeting needed ASAP – Mariann and Roxie will meet with Martha

Fire Sign: still figuring out location

New Business:

Waterline filter in the furnace room; Denny is working on it.

County is re-evaluating safety of buildings.

Mary motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Brian Wilkinson at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. Pence