**Rugby Job Development Authority**

**March 5, 2018 – 12:00 PM**

**Unapproved Board Minutes**

**Special Meeting**

**JDA Office**

Members present: Fr. Tom Graner-President, Susan Selensky, Amber Feickert, Terry Hoffert, Karin Fursather, Tanner Johnson, Michael McNeff, Jodi Schaan, Blair Brattve, Gary Kraft, Bonnie Kuehnemund, Dwayne Brossart and Sandra Wolf.

Joining by telephone were: Daunne Heilman and Jennifer Stewart

Absent were: Peter Burgard, Arland Geiszler and Rob StMichel

Father Graner called the meeting to order at 12:00PM

Father Graner reported that nearly elected president Rob StMichel had resigned the position for a number of listed reasons, but wished to stay on the JDA as a regular member. Mike McNeff motioned to approve the resignation, seconded by Kraft with a unanimous vote to approve, motion carried.

Tanner Johnson had indicated his willingness to fill the open President’s position. Karin Fursather nominated Tanner Johnson for President of the JDA. Being no more nominations, Terry Hoffert moved that nominations cease and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Tanner Johnson, motion carried. Congratulations Tanner!

Mr. McNeff reported on the JDA Executive Director search committee progress. Of the three applications received, the committee determined not to interview one applicant, another applicant withdrew his application, and the final applicant did not show up for his interview. We later found out that he had mistakenly looked at the wrong email for his meeting time, and that he had visited with a couple other JDA members that morning, but it did not work out for the committee to reconvene for an interview.

Jodi Schaan made a motion to re-advertise the Director position again, seconded by Dwayne Brossart, motion carried. Karin will make sure that all appropriate advertising options are researched and notified of the opening.

In addition, Mr. McNeff commented on the size of the Board, which prompted discussion about normal board sizes. Also discussed was what we were planning on doing until a director was hired. Based on the discussion, it was determined that we would reach out to Liz Heisey to see if she could help us out until then.

Housing committee report. Tom Childress made an offer of $50,000 for Lots 5 & 6 on Block 7. The Committee countered with $52,000 which was accepted by Mr. Childress pending JDA approval. Tanner Jonson moved to approve the sale for $52,000, seconded by McNeff, motion carried. Father Graner commented about the implications of selling two lots at a discount, as we end up with less revenue than expected.

The hospital is considering asking for certain financial assistance from the JDA for their daycare, as they are opening it up to the public. Questions arising were; why do they need the help, who needs and can’t find daycare, has being opened to the public improved their financial situation, can we justify subsidizing just one of the communities daycares, what is the policy concerning public versus hospital employee’s children, who was the amount justified, and what is their long term plan. Daunne Heilman made a motion to have Jennifer Stewart research this request, and provide more information to the JDA. Motion seconded by Mike McNeff, and the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Hoffert at 1:15PM, second by Kraft.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Kraft, Secretary