

WRAS Minutes: April 15, 2026

Present: John Aegerter, Jim Felton, Liz Mowrey, Tammy Wykes, Rhonda Hirata, Skip Duffy, Louise Duffy, Gina Clark, Shelli Holcomb, Jonny Holcomb, Aleina Cudnofskey, Kelli Banks.

6:30. Reports meeting:

Treasurer's report: Louise Duffy. March 2026

Cash on hand: \$40,413.90

Cash in bank: \$451,148.75 (this includes building fund and CD's)

Profit 1/1/26 to 3/31/26 is \$100, 928.89

No Spay & Neuter due to software changes; now that tax season is over, we'll discuss that with Mary. We have received our tax documents back from Mary. Jonny moves, Gina seconds, to pay the filing costs.

Passed.

It is okay to keep what funds we have at ICCU for now, John says.

Spay/neuter fund (ours) is messed up. Pet Friendly grants that Jim re-applied for gave us \$3600, as one of 21 grants they gave out.

Reports Meeting:

Sept 19 is okayed for the Duck Race. Gina and Liz are in charge of this event. We will have to pay \$300 for insurance but we are okayed by the Ditch board (whatever their title is) to have our race on September 19th of this year.

John is asking again about changing our name(dropping the part "& Rescue") Jim gave John some papers showing why not to do it, but paying \$25 online or sending an application to the state to show a designation of DBA (doing business as) for Weiser River Animal Shelter would then work for everything except legal papers, IRS and so on.

There will be a special director's meeting at 2:15 pm on Monday, April 27th, to finalize our proposal to and the approach we will take with Union Pacific. John will send all the papers out before that meeting so we will have the information. Jim will send the latest presentation to each of the directors before our meeting on the 27th and decide how we will send it off. We will determine whether to use a commercial realtor or not. John Burke will make a presentation as to how we should submit but will go along with whatever we decide.

Louise read a synopsis of what has happened with the group consisting of John Aegerter, John Burke, Gina Clark, Louise and Skip Duffy, Jim

Felton and Dan Randleman. The professionals they have met with are Nate Mulkey contractor/builder of Wilderness Falls Building, Deanna Fulcher, Mechanical Engineer/Real estate agent Coldwell Banker/Tomlinson Realty; Amanda Alvaro, real estate agent Coldwell Banker, and Justin Schwartz, architect.

The following is a shortened summary of what Louise read:

Oct.22, 2025: Louise and Skip first discussed WRAS and project goals with Deanna, mechanical engineer and family friend (making it clear we would pay) Deanna said she could advise us, make recommendations, find the right team to help us accomplish our goals.

Jan. 21, 2026: Louise was given the go-ahead to arrange a meeting between Deanna and members of the board. On Feb. 18th John asked for members interested in meeting with her to email him.

Feb. 24, 2026: the group met at Coldwell Banker/Tomlinson Realty in Meridian. Present were Deanna, Amanda Alvaro (real estate agent) John A., John B., Skip and Louise, Gina Clark, Jim Felton and Dan Randleman.

March 5: was a meeting at Zion's with Nate Mulkey, contractor with Jim, Gina, Chris, Louise, Skip, Dan, John B. and John A.(by phone) Nate presented his ideas to the group and took Jim's drawings to his draftsman for elevation drawings we could submit to U.P.

March 24: Deanna contacted architect Justin Schwartz who came over to walk the property and meet with the group. He said he would follow our project all the way to the end or to whatever extent we needed him.

April 6: at the library most of the group met to look over the documents and application that Deanna and Amanda had worked on for submittal. The group felt the sooner the better the group moves forward is what is needed. One of the members felt the group could submit the application with John A. signing it. The Board needs to make that decision; do we submit it ourselves or have Amanda and Deanna with Coldwell Banker submit the application and supporting documentation.

The meeting on April 27 will be at Zions Bank at 2:15 pm. All directors should be there. Look over what Jim has sent around and come up with questions if you have any.

Idaho Gives will be May 4,5,6,7. We should decide if we will use matching grants. There are still some Trainings online. There will be prizes for donations given from donors the furthest away, on the first day and so on.

May 1 will be a meeting from the LOR Foundation for Volunteer Day, putting interested volunteers together with organizations who need them.

The SNARF conference (in Boise) has to be applied for by May 31st for the meeting in August. The entry fee is \$40. Will WRAS pay or help pay this fee?

Caspar on Facebook has little ads on their page and it was noted that they seem effective. They feature a really cute little dog, Mighty Mouse. "Why do we say yes to Mighty Mouse?" is the tag line. Maybe we should come up with ads.

People are looking for dog parks as the Payette Park is closed. They are going to make a new one but it won't be until later this summer. A church bought it.

The question was asked as to the hours of our Happy Tails Dog Park. It is open 24/7 with the only closed times (when pound dogs only are in there) from 10 am to 1 pm on Sundays and noon to 2 pm on Thursdays. Checks that people write to go to the dog park either are put into an account Patrick runs or to Louise marked "Happy Tails".

Meeting is adjourned. Next meeting May 19, 2026 at the Bee Tree at 6:30 pm.