

WRAS Minutes: July 15, 2026

Present: John Aegerter, Jim Felton, Liz Mowrey, Louise Duffy, Skip Duffy, Rhonda Hirata, Jonny Holcomb, Aleina Cudnofskey, Dan and Judy Randleman, Jane Bollman.

6:30 Reports:

Minutes approved for June. Jonny moves and Aleina seconds, passed.

Treasurer's Report: Louise Duffy

June 2026

Cash on hand: \$45,101.05

Building fund: \$410,860.21

Spay & Neuter fund: \$2,539.91

Calls: Shelli wasn't here so the calls are unknown.

Spay/Neuter: Jim reported that there have been approximately 20 pets applied for with 10 done. One dog at Martha's and the rest at Weiser Vet and about 2/3 of the money has been used. A woman named Holly Eckert canceled her appointment after finding out that her pregnant cat couldn't be spayed without aborting the babies. She'll try again later, after the kittens are born.

Property update:

We hope to have news on the 25th of September (the meeting of FSC) that FSC has decided to end their lease with Union Pacific, which would end in October, probably the last Tuesday. Amanda (our realtor) called and asked UP if we could submit an offer if FSC drops their lease and they said yes. John said we will have to see if we can get money from LOR for a fence, sewer and so on. Since FSC said they were not going to renew their U.P. lease in October, we said Amanda should then submit a \$260,000 offer to U.P.

We talked about continuing to look at the other sites; John and Dan had gone to the Simplot property and Jim and Liz had looked at Quality Auto, Jim had a list and he rated them in order of best to least. The U.P. site on Washington was first, followed by the lower U.P. site, then the McDaniel's Trust property next to the first site, then Simplot's three buildings (though they want \$1 million), and then the Quality Auto site from Jim and Brenda Shelby. And then down the list would be property out by the airport.

John Burke had talked to Rick McDaniels. There is about 3/4 of an acre of that property out of the flood plain, as it has both the river and Monroe Creek on its edges. You can move dirt around on your property to fill areas, but not bring it in from anyplace else.

Apparently.

Louise will send the list of the other potential properties to Amanda and have her contact the other owners to see if there is interest (beginning in town first). Jim said Judy Boyle had told him she would talk to the PR guy from Union Pacific to see if that would help.

Rhonda began a discussion about how we should put some of the money (\$100,000) in a short term CD so we can get some interest on it. Turns out the larger percentages are not for businesses, but for individuals. Louise will look into what we can get for a business. John (and Louise) each said we should wait until we know for sure what FSC is going to do. Dan and others pointed out that if we put \$100,000 in a CD we would still have enough for our offer and even if we had to take it out, we'd make more interest than the paltry 1% offered for a business. Jonny moved that we put \$100,000 in a CD for no longer than six months. Jim asked what was the penalty and maybe we should sink the whole \$400,000, based on the penalty. John pointed out that the federal guarantee on money in the bank was \$250,000 and he didn't want to lose \$150,000. Jim thought it was per account and we could break them up with four \$25,000 CDs and two \$100,000 CDs.

It was moved that we put \$300,000 in CDs at ICCU, leave \$100,000 in Zion's. Louise seconded. If the government guarantee didn't cover \$300,000, then we decided to give authority to Louise or John to put \$50,000 in a different financial institution into the best rate CD (not to exceed six months). That is if the guarantee is only for \$250,000 per account.

Louise seconded Jonny's amended motion and Dan called for the question. It passed.

Fiddle Festival parade: It was a great turnout, the taffy we threw out to people was the perfect amount, but we need more dog treats next year.

Duck Derby: website ticket sales are all set up with a QR code on posters which Jonny is going to laminate (he got a laminator at a yard sale) He said it is set up with software that automatically takes care of the transactions. Tickets can be picked up at Ridley's or the market or mailed. So far, the sponsors we have are L.O.R., Ridley's, Tara's Place, the Pampered Pooch, The Cove and possibly Wicked Wrench.

Liz moved and Jim seconded that we authorize up to \$300 for insurance for the day of the race. It passed.

As soon as the posters are ready, we will get them out. I said I would make a little exhibit at the library to call attention to the poster; if it doesn't work, Gina and I have already gotten permission from Timbra to set up a table at the library on Tuesdays to sell ducks.

Farmers' Market had their first gathering, which was good, but rather thin. It will get better (Pollyanna says so)

Fundraising and Events Committee met at Sue Iwasa's and made dog toys (all Aleina), dog biscuits, and paw balm to sell at the market. So far they sold \$70 of stuff, and had a \$1 donation.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be August 19, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Bee Hive.