FRVA Northwest Area
Business Meeting Minutes
Linn County Fair & Expo- Albany, OR
September 22, 2026

The Northwest Area Business Meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm.

Executive Board members present were President Don Scherck, Sr. Vice President Bobbi Radford, Vice President Debbie Bamer, Treasurer Debbie Scherck, Past President Barabara Schleuse. Vice President Ed Stutz and Vice President Jerry Lehenbauer were unable to attend.

The minutes of the April 20, 2026, meeting had previously been distributed and are available online for your review. Bobbi Radford made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion seconded. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Debbie Scherck gave the Treasurer's report. See attached report. There was a discussion regarding the expenses for the June Northwest Area Rally. Debbie Bamer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded. Carried unanimously.

Don Schleuse asked if we still were able to submit an education report for a $2000 reimbursement from the FRVA Cincinnati office. Treasurer Debbie Scherck will check with the Cincinnati office and report back to the delegates.

Old Business:

Bobbi Radford gave a brief report on the 2026 *A Coastal Gathering* Rally. There were 128 RVs in attendance. Responses from attendees were positive. Ko Kwel Hotel & Casino is a easy facility. The staff does so much for us. We were able to donate $358.00 to the Coos Bay Southcoast Foodshare. Bobbi stated that the program book cost was $773.75.

Debbie Campbell, our webmaster, spoke about the website and said that she would be happy to put items on the website for any interested chapters.

President Don Scherck said that the Northwest Area currently has 24 chapters. The Oregon Trail Drivers are no longer a chapter.

New Business:

Ken Cameron made a motion to remove President Barbara Schleuse and replace her with our newly elected President Don Scherck on our Wells Fargo checking and savings accounts. Motion seconded. Carried unanimously.

President Don Scherck thanked Barbara Schleuse for serving as President for the past two years.

A report on the Sedalia, MO National Convention was given. Don Scherck reported on several items voted on at the Governing Board Meeting. Don Schleuse followed up with

discussion on many of the Policy & Procedure changes. This information is available on the FRVA website under Governance.

The Sedalia Convention had 387 Family RVs in attendance with a total of 420 after vendors added. It was noted that the 4th of July is not a good time for a rally, as most people are home with their own families. The Northwest Area get together in Sedalia had 5 people in attendance.

The Midwest Area had their Area rally on the Sedalia grounds right after the rally with 350 RVs in attendance.

Our next Northwest Area Rally will be at the Linn County Fair & Expo from June 16 – 20, 2027.

President Don Scherck reviewed future sites. He has been to Chelan County Fairgrounds, Cashmere, WA. They have 130 full hook-up sites and good buildings. Other suggestions were to work with RV Dealerships to have a rally together, go to Seven Feathers RV Park in Canyonville, OR, and Redmond Fair & Expo. President Scherck will look into these and other sites.

The elections were held for the Treasurer position and 2 Vice Presidents positions.

Debbie Scherck, chairperson of the Nominating Committee, nominated Paul Jones for the Treasurer's position. Paul was unable to attend for personal reasons; Debbie read his resume. Motion was made by Linda DeBord to elect Paul Jones for Treasurer. Motion was seconded. Carried unanimously.

President Don Scherck asked if there were any nominations for the positions. Debbie Bamer will stand for the position. Jack Crans was also willing to run for the other Vice President position. Both Debbie Bamer and Jack Crans were elected unanimously.

President Don Scherck asked if there were anyone willing to serve on the Nominating Committee. Ken Cameron, Lonnie Bamer and Don Schleuse agreed to serve. Motion was made by Jim DeBord to elect all three to serve on the Nominating Committee. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Don Scherck announced that the 2030 FRVA National Convention will be held in Gillette, WY completing the FRVA contract for the Gillette facility.

Debbie Bamer announced that she had a sympathy card for Al Zimmerman

for everyone to sign.

Bobbi Radford announced that the Bernie & Red meeting will be held on September 23, 2026 here at Linn County Fair & Expo.

Adjourned at 2:30pm

Kathie Balogh

Northwest Area Secretary - FRVA