

# WAHPETON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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DATE: 7/9/25

TIME: 10:00 am

PLACE: Wahpeton City Hall Community Room

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## Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Rosley, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kunkel, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tiana Bohn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blake Boyer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renelle Bertsch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becky Lankow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becky Truesdell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Higdon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Karlgaard	<input type="checkbox"/> Brett Pietron	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Sjurseth	

## Ex-officio Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris DeVries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Diekman	<input type="checkbox"/> Alan Dahlman	<input type="checkbox"/> Brad Edwardson
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## Others Present:

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## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Rosley.

**Motion by Bertsch, second by Higdon to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.**

### New Member Introduction

Blake Boyer, Store Director at Econofoods, was introduced as a new CVB board member.

### Capital Improvement Fund Request from Chahinkapa Zoo

Kathy Diekman presented a request from the zoo for repairs at the waterfowl habitat and patching of the zoo pathways. Discussion held. **Motion by Bohn, second by Kunkel to approve up to \$35,000 for repairs at the waterfowl habitat. Motion carried.**

### Funding Request for Wahpeton Fall Festival

DeVries presented a request for up to \$10,000 for the 2025 fall festival. This is a line-item event. **Motion by Bertsch, second by Lankow to approve up to \$10,000 for the 2025 Wahpeton Fall Festival. Motion carried.**

### Suspension of the Rules to Discuss an Item Not on the Agenda

**Motion by Bertsch, second by Boyer to suspend the rules for discussion of an item not on the agenda. Motion carried.** DeVries presented a request from the 9U Cal Ripken baseball team for \$750 to sponsor the 9U state baseball tournament taking place in Wahpeton the end of July. **Motion by Bertsch, second by Boyer to approve \$750 for the 2025 state 9U baseball tournament sponsorship, which will include an ad in the tournament program. Motion carried.** DeVries also stated that the bleachers at softball fields 1 and 2 are in poor condition and should be replaced. A set of metal bleachers could cost up to \$40,000. Discussion held. Consensus was to see if Wahpeton Parks and Recreation could move some metal bleachers from fields not being used to fields 1 and 2. **Motion by Bohn, second by Kunkel to approve up to \$2,500 for bleacher rental if needed. Motion carried.**

2026 Budget Overview

The budget was prepared and presented to the city for 2026 with minor changes. **Motion by Kunkel, second by Bertsch to approve the 2026 budget as presented. Motion carried.**

Roundtable/ Upcoming Events

General discussion held.

**Motion by Bertsch, second by Truesdell to adjourn. Motion carried.**

Meeting ended at 10:50 am.

*Submitted by DeVries*