Alcona County Commission on Aging

March 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

- Call to Order by President Potter at 10:05 am
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Roll call
    - Treasurer Rolland Lynch – Present
    - Director Pam MacKinnon – Present
    - Director Leroy Pinder - Present
    - President Phil Potter – Present
    - Vice President Delores Schlicker – Present
    - Secretary Dr. Robert Turek - Present
    - Member-at-Large Commissioner Carolyn Brummund – Present
    - Director Kelly Von Fintel – Present

      Also present – Executive Director Wendy Bain and six members of the public

- Approval of Agenda
    - Motion by Turek, second by Schlicker, to approve the Agenda as amended
        - Motion Passed

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
    - Motion by Schlicker, second by MacKinnon, to approve the February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as presented
        - Motion passed

- Public Comment Period – Rich Castle of Consumer's Energy introduced himself and offered potential financial support to the ACCOA through the Consumer's Energy Foundation as well as through various award possibilities, Karen Healy requested information as to what exercise equipment will be in the new building.

- Update of the New Building Project by Developer/Construction Manager Andy Shaw

- Report by Commissioner Brummund. The Alcona County "FREE E-Waste Recycling Day", sponsored by Recycle Alcona County, Inc., is scheduled for Saturday April 26th from 10 am to 2 pm at the ARA Site in the Lincoln Fairgrounds. Items such as computers, televisions, consumer electronics and batteries (and much more) will be accepted. Local residents and elected officials did a wonderful job in sending in over 500 letters of support for broadband funding. Yearly County audit is beginning soon. Narcan/Nalaxone use April 29th 6pm presentation at EMS building. Child passenger seat regulations/laws have been changed

- Executive Director's report
    - Several grants have been awarded to ACCOA with more being sought.
    - 2553 meals served in February, 349 being Congregate.
    - NEMCSA In-Home Services audit completed with only one minor compliance issue found, down from nine last year and eighteen the previous year

- Beginning July 8th, a weekly farmers market will be held in the ACCOA parking lot from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Megan has been involved with this effort.
- Bread being made weekly bringing in $50-75/week.
- Silent auctions ongoing, Director Pinder and others have been donating items. $75 was brought in last month as proceeds.
- Twice yearly mandatory staff meeting is scheduled for May 2nd.
- Mandatory CPR classes for staff are ongoing
- May 7th is Older American's Day with events in Lansing allowing access to legislators on behalf of seniors.

    - Motion by Turek, second by Pinder, that the ACCOA request on-line access to account information for all accounts held with AAA Credit Union
        - Roll Call Vote
            - Lynch – Yes
            - Pinder - Yes
            - MacKinnon – Yes
            - Potter – Yes
            - Schlicker – Yes
            - Turek – Yes
            - Von Fintel – Yes
                - Motion passed

- Treasurer's Report
    - Motion by Schlicker, second by Pinder, to accept the Treasurer's Report as provided, subject to audit.
        - Roll Call Vote
            - Potter – Yes
            - Lynch - Yes
            - Turek - yes
            - Schlicker – yes
            - Von Fintel – yes
            - MacKinnon – yes
            - Pinder - yes
                - Motion passed

- Committee Reports

    - New Building Project Committee presented a flyer put out by Sarah Jane of Real Estate One advertising the Senior Bungalows for rent
    - Finance Committee met and moved ACCOA savings account funds held at New York Life into a money market fund earning 4.05%, from the previous high yield bond fund which had more risk but gave a yield of 5.46%. No changes to the building funds investments until at least April, when market conditions may lead to similar changes. No budgetary changes required or requested. The committee members agreed with the assessment of Pam Mackinnon that the Congregate Meal space in the new building is best suited for "intimate gatherings" such as smaller weddings, bridal showers, baby showers, anniversary and birthday celebrations.

- Unfinished Business – Discussion and details of the completed yearly audit.

- New Business

    - President Potter reports on the attempts to get the property taxes lowered on the Harrisville property, which is currently on a land contract sale. The Harrisville tax board denied the request. A potential sale to another party fell through because of the tax bill. The property has been listed for sale for more than six months with no other interested parties.

        - Motion by Turek, second by Schlicker, to authorize President Potter to negotiate the disposal of the Harrisville property in any manner that does not incur any further cost to the ACCOA.
            - Roll Call Vote
                - Schlicker – Yes
                - Potter – Yes
                - Turek – Yes
                - Pinder – Yes
                - Von Fintel – Yes
                - MacKinnon – Yes
                - Lynch – Yes
                    - Motion Passed

    - Discussion of rental fees to be charged for the Congregate Dining space. The Board decided on the following fees:

        - Half Day (No Kitchen) - $150
        - Full Day (No Kitchen) - $300
        - Full Day (with Kitchen) - $650
            - All deposits are 50% for all reservations

        Pickleball Court Rental:

        - 1 hour court reservation $15
        - 2 hour court reservation $25

        Yoga/Exercise Room:

        - $25/hour

- Public Comment Period – Laurie Szczesny felt that employees should be given discounts. Judy French agreed with employee discounts (10-20 %?), the necessity for refundable deposits and

questioned whether it would be a good idea to allow people to reserve courts to the exclusion of everyone else. Ty Damon requested information as to when the pickleball courts and bungalows will be open, agreed with the assessment of how an unused property can be disposed of and felt that some comments regarding the "yoga" room were inappropriate. Mr. Kosal noted the difficulty in establishing a rental/membership cost structure with limited information.

- Director Final Comments – Bungalows will be rentable May 1st, pickleball courts possibly the end of June. Two Board openings remain to fill out terms expiring on September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2027.

- Motion by Schlicker, second by Pinder, to adjourn at 12:14 pm
    - Motion passed

Meeting adjourned until the 10 am, April 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Dr. Robert Turek, Board Secretary