Alcona County Commission on Aging

July 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

- Call to Order by President Potter at 10:00 am
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Director Damon thanks the Harrisville Lions for the donation of the new Boardroom flag
- Roll call
    - Treasurer Rolland Lynch – Present
    - Director Leroy Pinder - Present
    - Director Laurie Szczesny – Present
    - Director Ty Damon - Present
    - Director Pam MacKinnon – Present
    - President Phil Potter – Present
    - Vice President Delores Schlicker – Present
    - Secretary Dr. Robert Turek – Present
    - Director Kelly Von Fintel – Present
    - Member-at-Large Commissioner Carolyn Brummund – Present

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

- Approval of Agenda
    - Motion by Damon, seconded by Schlicker, to approve the Agenda
        - Motion Passed

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
    - Motion by MacKinnon, seconded by Von Fintel, to approve the June 24, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes
        - Motion passed

- Public Comment Period – Gary Wnuk expressed concerns about the hours of operation as well as charging seniors for memberships, Yance Macneill spoke about the hours of operation, Lora Whiting spoke about Silver Sneakers program.

- Update of the New Building Project by Andy Shaw/ Open House comments
    - Director Damon apologizes for unresponsive comment he made during the Open House regarding the Silver Sneaker program. Research has been started on this program.

- Report by Commissioner Brummund – NEMCSA personnel couldn't attend the Open House but will tour facility at a later date, Fair booklets and concert schedule brochures on table, Sunrise Center rehab in Alpena hired a new CEO.

- Executive Director's report
    - 2085 meals served in June, 304 being Congregate.
    - The insurance on E-Van donated by Consumers Energy Foundation is no more costly than a traditional van. Charging station will be inside, only to be used for this vehicle. Cost of vehicle wrap is included. Range is 140 miles, charging time is seven hours.
    - Interviews are ongoing for another kitchen assistant.
    - In need of more Direct Care Workers. Twelve people on waitlist.

- Saturday August 2nd is the date for the annual fundraiser for WxTF radio station. Held in Congregate dining room. 3-10 pm.
- Old Senior Center nearly empty, some supplies waiting for shelves to be erected here in new building before being moved in

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

- Committee Reports
  - Dedication Ceremony/ Open House Committee – came in under budget. Many donations.
  - Finance Committee – report submitted.
    - Motion by Damon, seconded by Pinder, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to send the letter to Andy Shaw requesting specific detail regarding the building project expenditures and other pertinent information
      - Motion Passed

    - Motion by Damon, seconded by Pinder, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and apply for a line of credit at up to three local banking institutions.
      - Motion Passed

- Unfinished Business
  - President Potter will make arrangement for Len Bobick to attempt to sell the bus.(Wendy will do this)
  - President Potter has made inquiries as to the cost of a new generator.
  - Director Damon made contact with Spectrum and several bungalows have now been hooked up for service
  - Old generator situation is unresolved.
  - New dumpster needed.

- New Business –
  - Director Mackinnon submits her resignation from the Board, effective at end of meeting.
    - Motion by Turek, seconded by Damon, to accept the resignation.

  - Director Damon explains the process for decorating the new center. Community involvement is requested

- President Potter submits his resignation via letter read by Secretary Turek
  - Motion by Turek, seconded by Damon, to accept the resignation, effective at midnight.

- Motion by Schlicker, seconded by Turek, to appoint Director Damon to the position of President.
  - Damon declines the nomination
    - Having no other nominations, Vice President will assume the President position. All vacancies will be attempted to be filled via the September election.

- Public Comment Period – Judy French expresses concern that Andy Shaw being on the Board would be a conflict of interest, another citizen recommended another Open House and had questions regarding the art work being requested for the center, Lora Whiting shared her experience with Silver Sneakers membership downstate and operations of community center , Gary Wnuk thanks Commissioner Brummund for the tour, again mentions his concerns about the hours of operations as well as need to focus on seniors, Yance Macneill spoke about corporate memberships, Lisa Turek thanked Phil and Pam for their service.

- Director Final Comments & Concerns-
  - Secretary Turek comments on Open House date and time choice, function of Nominating Committee, and pros vs cons of taking NEMCSA funding for Congregate Meal funding.
  - Schlicker – comments on efforts to obtain donations for services, and need to advertise that families can donate in the name of departed loved ones.
  - Director Szczesny comments on EBT program registration.
  - Director MacKinnon comments that Andy should be able to be on the Board, and deserves to be paid for his work
  - President Potter spoke about a volunteer who is willing to train staff on the fitness machines, as well as the need for employees to take care with the gym floor.

- Motion by Damon, seconded by Pinder, to adjourn
  - Motion passed at 11:49 pm

Meeting adjourned until the 10 am, August 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Dr. Robert Turek, Board Secretary