

Wyoming Senior Services Board Meeting
Meeting by Google Meet
On June 16, 2025 at 1 p.m.

Rick Geringer, Board Chairman, called the special meeting of the WSSB to order at 1 p.m. Board members present were Rick Geringer, Jeri Bottenfield, Rick Vandersloot, and Marge Myers. State Aging Division employees present were Jeff Clark, Kristin Roberts and Scott Hood. Senior Center Directors in attendance on the google meet were Rachael Brown, Mandy Anderson and Sherry Blackburn.

Rick Vandersloot made the motion to accept the agenda as presented with a second from Marge Myers.

The reason for this special meeting was for a discussion regarding putting a “hardship clause” in the Northern Arapaho Senior Centers contract. Mr. Longbottom, CFO for the Northern Arapaho, had been in contact with Jeff Clark regarding the need for upfront money or having more flexibility in obtaining their funding at the beginning of FY2026 which begins July 1, 2025. Mr. Longbottom had researched the idea and had suggested adding the “hardship clause” to their contract.

Jeff Clark had been in contact with the State Attorney General’s Office and indicated to the board members present that it would just be a matter of a sentence or two if that were what the board would like to do.

Jeff and Kristin explained to the board and to Sherry Blackburn that an advance could be made up to 25% of their total grant amount but adding the hardship clause would not be really available until late July or even into early August. The Attorney General had indicated that this upfront money could be paid within 45 days of executing the contract, which means all necessary signatures would be obtained on the contract. They would also have to realize that any upfront funding would mean they may have the same financial shortage situation rise up each month or for sure at the end of the fiscal year.

After some discussion with Sherry Blackburn and ascertaining what knowledge she had of the situation, it was decided to table the matter. Mr. Longbottom was not available for any discussion on this matter. Rick Vandersloot indicated that he would have liked to have had some Council Members and/or Mr. Longbottom present for this meeting.

Rick Geringer advised Sherry that the board could do another Google Meet in the next few days if necessary. In the meantime, Sherry needed to speak with Mr. Longbottom regarding the need to spend the remaining amount of funding currently in their account for FY2025 and submitting their May invoices ASAP and then submitting the June invoices in early July. That may help in the possibility of having some funding to cover

their July 1st payroll and the purchase of raw food, which seems to be the big concern at this time.

The Northern Arapaho Senior Center has not signed their current FY2026 contract yet, which was sent to them in late April. The board members felt that it would behoove the Northern Arapaho to sign it as it would become effective July 1, 2025 whereby any amendment to their contract would delay the effective date to late July or early August as signatures would be required from all respective individuals in accordance with the state laws. It was stipulated that the FY2025 funding ends as of June 30, 2025 and if there isn't a signed contract in place then there will be no funding after July 1, 2025 until such time as a contract is signed and executed.

There being no further business at hand, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Vandersloot and seconded by Jeri Bottenfield. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Marge Myers
Vice-Chairman/Acting Secretary

Chairman: _____
Rick Geringer, Board Chairman