

Approved
Minutes of the Elected Committee of Blind Vendors
6-14-05
1:30 pm
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Present were Sally Zenchenko, Vice Chair; Dan Sippl, Secretary; Joyce Coates, Jeff Scott and Nick Seivert. Brad Dunse was on the phone. Richard Waldburger was absent. Staff present were Joe D' Costa, Greg Feypel, Howard Burnstein and Rich Dalaher. Kent Walser and Jim Juran were present for the nominee agency, RSVW. Guests present were Joe Mielzarek of North Central Technical College, John Fritz, Tom Jeray, Ken Johnson, Jim Spencer and Sue Seivert.

Minutes

Minutes of the May meeting were approved. Motion by Jeff S. and second by Nick S.

Finance

Rich D. presented the finance report without debate.

NTC Training

Joe Mielzarek, Dan S. and Jim J. outlined the training program for prospective operators. After a trainee completes a 19 credit course, they will receive a Technical College certificate for BEP. All the courses are recognized by Technical Colleges and some Universities across the country. A motion by Joyce C. and second by Jeff S. was approved to adopt this as the official training standard for BEP and for Joe M. and Joe D. to proceed with approval by the Board of Technical Colleges and DWD respectively.

Oxford Correctional Commission

Staff reported that this is resolved through educating staff at the prison; no commission will be paid. The laundry operation is no longer an issue as the feds. found funds to purchase their own equipment.

Cafeteria Update

After 34 years in the BEP, Ken Johnson announced his retirement effective 9-30-05. He thanked all in attendance for the opportunity to support his family all these years.

Open Records Request

Attorney Bob Humphreys and Howard Burnstein were present for this discussion. There was discussion as to DWD releasing personal information and whether or not BEP operators are contractors for the DWD. It was agreed that DWD and RSVW should honor open records request as defined in Wisconsin Stats. It was also discussed that should the DWD have any scheduled C records these are personal. Motion by Brad D. and second by Jeff S. was approved for the ECBV to issue open records request for a copy of the letter which requested the P & L of all operators. This letter is now a permanent record of the ECBV.

UW Contract

Attorneys Bob H. and Howard B. were present for this. At issue was the UWS reluctance to acknowledge or respond to DWD's correspondence.

A motion by Dan S. and second by Nick S. was approved to have Attorney Bob H. draft and administrative complaint against the UWS on behalf of the ECBV through the nominee agency, RSVW.

B-List

It was agreed that after an operator is on the B-List for more than three years they must go through the training program or test out of the courses.

Corrections Vending

Joe D. and Kent W. met with administrative staff of DOC and are discussing on premise sales by staff which compete with our operators. Also there are two more small facilities near Black River Falls and Green Bay, so staff will check them out for feasibility.

ECBV Procedures

Dan S. reported that he has started compiling a list and will meet with the sub-committee after his presentation to the RSVA/ACB convention in Las Vegas.

Adjourned at 4:05 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Dan Sippl, Secretary