

# Thrive Membership Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2025 3:30pm doors open 4:00pm meeting  
NFAA Easton Archery Center, 800 Archery Lane, Yankton, SD 57078



Membership in attendance: Marc Long, Wayne Kindle, Julie Dykstra, Randy Hammer, Lauren Kathol, Mike Healy, Keith Craven, Ron Kraft, Jay Gravholt, Todd Larson, Tom Stotz, Julie Stotz, Barb Rezac, Gary Vetter, Dave Mingo, Harrison Freund, Mike Marlow, Lori Cowman, Anna Meredith, Jean Hunhoff, Kim Wells, Cameron Krejci, Roy Nielsen, Bryan Davis, Angie Davis, Erin Penrose, Cassie Nagel, Brent Parry, Taylor Reining, Abby Stahl, Scott Nedved, Molly Nedved, Carolyn Becker, Kevin Moe, Amber Moe, Spencer Rosberg, Stephanie Moser, Sarah Chimelar, Rob Stephenson, Chris Fathke, Eric Derickson, Jon Fischer, Lacey Johnson, Lindsay Flannery, Curt Dykstra, Paul Smith, Steve Groetken, Jim Simunek, Lakshman Chandrashekhar, Brad Hofer, Heather Hofer, Suzann Wiest, Silas Grey, Cory Loomis, Maria Promes, Amy Leon, TJ Stotz, Josh Klimek, Madison Schaefer, Dave Gillies, Emma French Laird, Josh Boelter, Curt Dykstra, Stephanie Horst, Denise Kneifl, Lynn Peterson, Jake Hoffner, Kyler Johnson, Bruce Cull, Harley Llewellyn

Staff and Guests: Nancy Wenande, Brian Steward, Lauren Rezac, Rita Nelson, Maren Buffington, Micayla Florence, Sarah Carda, Shana Platt, Debbie Caba, Adam Molseed (GOED), Ryder Fuhrman (Sen. Thune's Office)

*The purpose of the Thrive Membership Meeting is for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.*

Members in attendance:

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Moe at 4:10pm with a quorum established with 58 Thrive memberships represented. The minimum needed was 39. Opening comments from Chair Kevin Moe within each of the 4 pillars: Tourism, Economic Development, Workforce and Business Services.
- II. Consent Agenda
  - a. Current month agenda
  - b. Minutes from January 25, 2024 Annual MeetingMotion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the consent agenda. Motion unanimously approved.
- III. Financial Report- Finance Director Brian Steward provided a financial overview of fiscal year 2024.  
Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the financial report as presented. Motion unanimously approved.
- IV. Election of Officers
  - a. Nominating Committee: Amy Leon, Dan Specht, Doug Ekeren, Rob Stephenson, Barb Rezac and Nancy Wenande (ex-officio)
  - b. Nominating committee is recommending the following slate of candidates for 3-year terms:

i. Ken Kopetsky	iv. Gabe Rodriguez
ii. Jason Orr	v. Brad Wenande
iii. Lauren Kathol	vi. Kelly Kneifl

The slate of candidates was presented to membership for consideration by Chair Moe. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Motion unanimously approved.

- V. Featured speaker- Travel South Dakota was unable to attend due to illness so Nancy Wenande presented an overview of statewide marketing plans and how Yankton can continue current marketing plans, which have been successful, and implement strategies to touch new markets.
- VI. Thrive Organizational and Capital Campaign Update-Nancy Wenande shared how Thrive is working to meet the metrics and goals for the YES4 campaign. Workforce efforts have been strong and the housing market in Yankton has had tremendous growth in both home ownership lots and rentals.
- VII. Next Annual Membership Meeting date will be determined in the first quarter of 2026.
- VIII. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting with the members encouraged to stay and network. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Wenande.