
**MINUTES
MOUNT ROGERS DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD
1021 TERRACE DRIVE
MARION, VIRGINIA
OCTOBER 19, 2005
3:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Diane Evans, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:07p.m. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members Present: Diane Evans, Chairperson; Pat Sheffey, Vice-Chairperson; Warren Elliott, Treasurer (Smyth County); Vincent Groseclose, At-Large; Eddie Tilson, Wythe County; Bucky Sharitz, Wythe County; and Edwin Ward, City of Galax.

Members Absent: Greg Morrell, At-Large; Tony Rector, Washington County; and William Banks, City of Bristol.

Others Present: Brian Martin, Secretary (MRPDC); Eugena Elam, MRPDC.

WELCOME VISITORS

No visitors were present.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20, 2005 MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Bucky Sharitz, seconded by Warren Elliott, and unanimously carried, the Mount Rogers Disability Services Board approved the minutes of the July 20, 2005 meeting with a correction that Edwin Ward was not present at that meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2005 AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Warren Elliott, seconded by Bucky Sharitz, and unanimously carried, the agenda for the October 19, 2005 meeting was adopted with the correction that Joyce Perkins was unable to be present to give a demonstration of TTD/TTY telephone equipment.

OLD BUSINESS**1) Public Awareness Committee Report**

Brian Martin stated that he will send in the column that Pat Sheffey wrote to the local papers.

Mr. Martin stated that Michael Armbrister will put a tracker on the website to see how many hits it gets.

2) RSIF Grant Update

Brian Martin stated that District III have built 35 reusable, portable ramps with the RSIF grant funds. He stated that that all the funds have been expended on the raw materials and that there will be 50 ramps in all.

Pat Sheffey stated that she had been contacted by someone in Abingdon regarding having a ramp built. Mr. Martin advised her to refer them directly to District III.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Brian Martin reported that two of the DSB's member's terms had expired and are now vacant: Bland County and Grayson County. Mr. Martin stated that he was trying to get more government involvement on the board.

The board discussed having alternates appointed.

Upon a motion made by Vince Groseclose, seconded by Bucky Sharitz, and unanimously carried, the Mount Rogers Disability Services Board agreed to ask a jurisdiction to appoint an alternate after a member has missed three (3) consecutive meetings.

NEW BUSINESS**1) Needs Assessment Survey**

Brian Martin reported that he had received 40 Needs Assessment Surveys and they were from all of the jurisdictions.

Mr. Martin stated that he would ask Joyce Perkins to give a demonstration of TTD/TTY telephone equipment in January. Other ideas for presentations were discussed.

The next meeting of the Mount Rogers Disability Services Board will be on November 16, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Vincent Groseclose, seconded by Warren Elliott, and unanimously carried, the board agreed to adjourn.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was properly adjourned at 3:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Brian Martin
Secretary

Eugena Marie Elam
MRPDC