

VILLAGE OF WOODHULL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2025
Committees

President – D. Holmes

Building – M. Bethell, J. McCready, & D Holmes

Finance/Insur. /Audit – H. Garrett, D. Holmes, & C. Anderson

Personnel – D. Holmes, C. Anderson, & S. Francis

Public Works – J. McCready & D VerHeecke

Pro-Tem Pres – C. Anderson

Economic Development – S. Francis, C. Anderson & D. Holmes

Parks & Recreation – C. Anderson & H. Garrett

Police/Civ. Def./Zon. – D. VerHeecke & M. Bethell

Mayor Dave Holmes called the meeting to order on May 12, 2025 @ 7:00 pm.

Followed by Roll Call: Christena Anderson, Mark Bethell, Scott Francis, Hannah Garrett, and Jeff McCready were present. It was noted that Derek VerHeecke was absent due to a work obligation.

Also present at the meeting: Dave Holmes – Mayor, Kelli Hand –Village Clerk, Garrett Adamson – Village Treasurer, Alex Wagner – Police Sergeant, Dusty McKeag Public Works Director, Conner Brinson- newly elected trustee and Village resident, Kelly Wolf- Henry County Tourism Director, Howard Streeter, Leigh Brinson, Logan Brinson, David Anderson, and Axel Anderson -Village residents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Henry County Director of Tourism Kelly Wolf updated the Board on activities the Tourism Board has been working on. There is a new spring/summer campaign that was launched for the Peoria and Quad Cities areas. Since it was launched, they have seen more activity on their website. There is a new Visitor Guide magazine, pamphlet, and event guide available. There is an online calendar on their website for local events. There is also an “eAtlas” scavenger hunt online that focuses on Henry County. Trustee Christena Anderson also commented that Ms. Wolf had recently got their grant renewed, which will cover 40% of their budget. The Board thanked Ms. Wolf for coming and sharing her excitement for all the new Henry County Tourism activity.

Mayor Holmes presented Ms. Wolf with a coin from the Village of Woodhull’s Centennial Celebration of 1957. This coin will be buried in the time capsule in the concrete of the new steps at the Henry County Courthouse in June during their Bicentennial Celebration.

Resident Howard Streeter asked the Board if he would need a permit to switch his current patio from brick to concrete and to extend it. Zoning Director Dusty McKeag said he would not need a permit. Mr. Streeter also asked if there were any ordinances that prevented him from getting a propane tank. He commented that his Ameren bill is filled with costs that he would not have if he switched to propane heat. Trustee Christena Anderson said there were no ordinances for the Village related to propane tanks or usage. Mr. Streeter thanked the Board.

Police Sergeant Alex Wagner presented Trustee Christena Anderson with a certificate to thank her for serving on the Village Board. He also had one for Trustee Derek VerHeecke who was not present at the meeting. Sergeant Wagner noted he appreciated all their hours of dedication during their terms served.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Christena Anderson made a motion to approve the April 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Trustee Mark Bethell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Trustee Scott Francis made a motion to approve April 14, 2025, Closed Minutes as presented by Mayor Holmes, and Trustee Jeff McCready seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Mark Bethell made a motion to approve April 21, 2025, Regular Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Trustee Hannah Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Trustee Jeff McCready made a motion to approve April 21, 2025, Closed Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented by Mayor Holmes, and Trustee Scott Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Christena Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Village Treasurer Garrett Adamson effective May 16, 2025. Trustee Hannah Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Holmes thanked Treasurer Adamson for his time served and wished him well as he will move to the Saint Louis area to start a new job.

The Village Board tabled the resignation of Village Clerk Kelli Hand due to needing more time to fill her position. Village Clerk Hand has agreed to continue working as Village Clerk with the understanding that she will need time off due to other obligations this summer.

RESULTS OF THE APRIL 1, 2025, ELECTION:

Mayor Holmes read the election results from the April Election. Mayor Holmes was once again elected as the Mayor of Woodhull for a 4-year term. Trustee Jeff McCready was re-elected for a 4-year term as Village Trustee and resident Conner Brinson was elected for a 4-year term as Village Trustee. Mayor Holmes thanked outgoing Trustees Christena Anderson and Derek VerHeecke for all their time and work over the years with the Village. Mayor Holmes also thanked Trustee Christena Anderson for volunteering to continue serving as the Village of Woodhull representative for the Henry County Tourism Board.

Trustee Jeff McCready made a motion to adjourn Sine Die at 7:19PM. Trustee Mark Bethell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Following the adjournment of the May 12, 2025, meeting, Village Clerk Kelli Hand swore in Village Mayor Dave Holmes and Village Trustees Conner Brinson and Jeff McCready. The new Board Members then joined the Board for the reconvening of the May 12, 2025, Village Meeting.