



Vinton County Department of Tourism
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Meeting Minutes
Date: February 10, 2026
Time: 12:00 Noon

Present: Brandi Betts, Rick Reynolds, Rheeta Leach, Beverly Goheen, Ellen Lash,
Abigail Saylor(12:03), Sharon Troyer

Guests: Lori Calderon, Kevin Cozad, Red Thompson

Call To Order: Brandi Betts at 12:00 noon

Comments From The Public:

Lori Calderon (ODNR) gave an update on recently completed Lake Hope cabin renovations and upcoming improvements (cabins/shelterhouse) scheduled for late 2026-early 2027.

Secretary Report:

The January 13, 2026 meeting minutes were presented. After review, Rick Reynolds made a motion to accept with second from Sharon Troyer, All voted yes.

Financial Report:

The financial report was unavailable at this time. No action taken.

Old Business:

- A. Facebook page access is successful. Special thanks to Brandi Betts & Abby Saylor .
- B. Mini Grant Applications -discussed need to review procedures and requirements before the next round of funding. Matter tabled.
- C. Ohio Goes To The Movies (Aug.08 at the Herbert Westcoat Memorial Library) Rick Reynolds to contact the VCHS drama club to see if they will lead this project; conversation had been delayed due to bad weather. Event ideas discussed but no action taken. Unsure of stipend status- will follow up.
- D. Mural Marker - Rick Reynolds agreed to measure similar signage at the school (action delayed due to recent bad weather). Matter tabled.
- E. Lodging Owner's Mixer - Matter tabled until new director is in place- various locations discussed in hopes to increase participation.
- F. Vinton Co. Department Of Tourism Attendance Policy - Opened discussion on employee absentee policy in regards to inclement weather and Remote and Hybrid work section .Clarified The Vinton County Employees absentee policy re: inclement weather policy with Commissioner Kevin Cozad. After discussion, motion made by Rheeta Leach and seconded by Sharon Troyer to follow the Vinton Co. Employees inclement weather policy and also in this motion moved to remove Remote and Hybrid section from said attendance policy due to not applicable at this time. All voted yes.
- G. Lunch and Learn Opportunities - Will plan for spring or summer- matter tabled.
- H. Board Training - Discussed various locations and opening training to other community members if interested, training thru OSU suggested with Ellen Lash to follow up on this.