



Minutes - May 6, 2026

Call to Order: Supervisor Sutterlin called the hybrid Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee to order at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call: Roll Call: Committee Members Present: Supervisor Sutterlin, Mark Dykstra, Max Olson, Mary Gut

Committee Members Absent: Julie Grandeffo

Staff Members Present: Brad Meier

Others Present: Erin & Charlie Erikson

Approve Agenda: Mark Dykstra moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Mary Gut. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

April 1, 2026, Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Program Committee Meeting Minutes: Max Olson moved approval of the April 1, 2026 Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee minutes, seconded by Mark Dykstra. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Update on Contact with 2026 – 2027 YIG Youth Representatives: Bill Wilson shared that he's been communicating with the youth representative's families to get signatures and to establish future communication. All but one representative family has responded, established communication preferences, and signed up for the 2026-27 program. Discussion ensued with Bill agreeing to attempt again to connect with the remaining student through their school and the family. The committee agreed that, based upon committee discussion and the program policies written in the Youth in Governance program resolution, if the remaining youth representative candidate does not respond, sign all required paperwork, and establish communication preferences by this coming Monday, the 2026-27 Youth in Governance program would continue this program year with 9 youth participants.

Update on Establishment of Ongoing YIG Committee: Bill Wilson explained that a press release went out announcing the new YIG Committee's online applications are open and completed applications are due by May 15. Bill encouraged the existing committee to consider applying and to let him know if they are or are not intending to apply.

Update on Recruitment of YIG Mentors: The committee discussed that there were a lot of supervisors that requested interest in being part of the YIG Program Committee, so filling the new committee supervisor positions and getting the mentors paired up to align with the participant's interests would not be a problem.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Discussion and Possible Action on YIG Handbook Components: This item was not discussed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Orientation Activities: Bill mentioned that there would be a couple of mentors that would not be able to attend the orientation due to schedule conflicts. The committee discussed the 'working' agenda, the quiz questions, and the orientation activities that needed volunteers to help with the event. The committee also reviewed the participants' goody bags that contained several helpful governmental resources that were donated by either the county, the WCA or the state legislators' offices. Rock County Administrator John Light will be attending to officially swear in the participants.

Discussion and Possible Action on Requests for Additional Resources Needed and Next Steps: Supervisor Sutterlin shared that there is a budget item within the county budget to help cover the cost of the orientation.

Determination of Next Meeting Date and Time – tentatively Wednesday, June 3, 2026: The committee agreed that the next meeting would be at 4:30pm, Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

Discussion included possibly having a joint committee meeting of the existing committee and the new committee members.

Adjournment: Max Olson moved to adjourn at 5:12 pm, seconded by Mary Gut. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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