



Minutes - March 5, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor Wilson 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 Wilson, Supervisor Sutterlin, Supervisor Towns, Mark Dykstra, Max Olson, Mary Gut, Julie Grandeffo

Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Erin Conway and Brad Meier

Others Present: Supervisor Lou Peer

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

Approval of Minutes:

February 5, 2025, Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee Meeting Minutes

: Supervisor Sutterlin moved approval of the February 5, 2025 Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee minutes, seconded by Mary Gut. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Review, Discussion and Possible Action revising and/or refining Pilot Project calendar

: Supervisor Wilson walked through the Pilot Program Calendar with the committee and announced the orientation would be held at the DWRC building, followed by committee discussions. No changes were identified.

Discussion and Possible Action on applicant review process

: Supervisor Wilson shared that he was proud to announce that the Pilot Program had received 6 applications. The committee discussed topics including application reviewing procedures, applicant approval, applicant notification, and scoring. Copies of the original applications, which were redacted for anonymity prior to the meeting, were distributed to each of the committee members for review.

Mark Dykstra moved to send notification to the six applicants that they're tentatively approved for this program, pending verification at the April 2, 2025 committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor

Sutterlin. APPROVED.

Discussion and Possible Action on potential host committees

: Supervisor Wilson talked through the potential committees and confirmed that six of the eight potential committees were on board with being a Pilot Program youth host committee. The topics of committee discussion included: the distribution of applicant committee interest; how the committee might consider placing the candidates and how many candidates to appoint to each committee. Supervisor Wilson will be following up with the chairs of the remaining two potential committees to confirm their willingness to host the Pilot Program youth.

Discussion and Possible Action on mentorship recruitment process, requirements, and forms

: The committee discussed participant quantity per committee and mentor identification and their responsibilities. Supervisor Wilson will reach out to each of the committees to identify mentors for each committee that was identified as a program hosting committee.

Discussion and Possible Action on Orientation process, content, location, logistics, and schedule

: The committee discussed the orientation outline elements and details, county staff and supervisor orientation attendance and participation, creating a registration form for each of the Pilot Program participants to complete prior to the orientation, and identified that an agenda would need to be created since a quorum of this committee would be present.

Discussion and Possible Action on Pilot Project Handbook Components

: This item was not discussed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Requests for additional resources needed and next steps

: This item was not discussed.

Determination of Next Meeting Date and Time – tentatively Wednesday, April 2, 2025 – 4:30

PM: The committee agreed that the next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Adjournment: Max Olson moved to adjourn at 5:40 pm, seconded by Mark Dykstra. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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