

The SB40 board met on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at Sovereign Grace Reformed Church (SGRC) and was called to order at 6:34 pm. Present were Chairman Mike Fleetwood, Treasurer Dan Short, Dave McElhiney, Dianne Smith, and Laurie Harding. A quorum was established for business. Also present was Jessica Wilkerson, Productive Living Center Director. Laurie Harding took minutes in the absence of Secretary Doug Skipper.

Mike Fleetwood read the minutes from the April 30, 2024 meeting held at SGRC. Dianne Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Laurie Harding seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Fleetwood read the minutes from the May 2, 2024 meeting held at SGRC along with the electronic meetings held on May 3 and May 4. Dave McElhiney made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Laurie Harding seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Fleetwood read the minutes from the May 9, 2024 electronic meeting. Dan Short made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Dianne Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Fleetwood read the minutes from the May 12, 2024 electronic meeting. Dianne Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Dan Short seconded. Motion passed.

The board members spent time reviewing the Bylaws for the Ripley County Productive Living Board and made:

- some minor changes of spelling/grammar and typos
- added a line to Article VI that restricts the board from funding organizations engaged in the marijuana or alcohol industries
- clarified language in Article III C to indicate the Secretary is not responsible for signing any financial documents

Laurie Harding made a motion to accept the Bylaws as amended. Dan Short seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Fleetwood informed the board of the Commissioner's Meeting that was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. At that meeting the Current River Sheltered Workshop (CRSW) had a contingency in attendance who, along with Kara Ritchie, former staff member of the CRSW and others, were voicing their displeasure with the SB40 Board to the commissioners. The outcome of that meeting was that Commissioner Jesse Roy asked for a meeting to be held between Mike Fleetwood (SB40 Chairman) and Charles Abbott (CRSW Board Chairman) and himself on Thursday, May 16 at 5 pm to enter into a workable agreement between the two boards.

Mike Fleetwood then reported on the meeting that was held May 16 at 5 pm between himself, Charles Abbott and Jesse Roy. At that meeting an agreement was entered into, dependent upon ratification by both boards. 4 items of note were placed in that agreement.

- 1) The SB40 Board will give to the Current River Sheltered Workshop \$6500 per month by the 10th of the month through December of 2024. *{Note: For the month of May \$3250 has already been paid to the CRSW Board, so should both boards ratify the agreement, another \$3250 would be paid, but it will be after the 10th.}*
- 2) The Current River Sheltered Workshop will provide simple monthly summaries of account activities to the SB40 Board prior to the Productive Living Board monthly meeting.
- 3) The Derogatory Facebook Post by former CRSW employee Kara Ritchie will be addressed by going on Facebook and stating the post was not associated with or condoned by any of the

CRSW Board members.

(Specific post included here for clarification but without the video included on the original.)

“WARNING-EXPLICIT AUDIO!!!!

"Hypothetically speaking", how would you feel if your boss talked to you like this? How about if there were MENTALLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS there while said boss was saying this? Asking for a friend....

Feel free to message me bc I'm sure there will be questions!!!!

And feel free to share and tag people to get this out please!! #protectthedisabled”)

(The entire post can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/JKxKcir7U8p8zZj1/?mibextid=WC7FNe>)

- 4) If at any time the Current River Sheltered Workshop uses the reserve fund for any purpose the Productive Living Board will not replace said funds.

Mike Fleetwood asked for a motion to approve these terms. Dave McElhiney made the motion. Dianne Smith seconded. Motion passed.

There was discussion concerning what Dan Short would need to do to get set up as the new Treasurer.

Dianne Smith made a motion that we pay the normal operating bills of the PLC. Dave McElhiney seconded. Motion passed. The two bills paid were \$672.93 to Jessica Wilkerson for reimbursement for items for the PLC and \$65.57 to Laurie Harding for reimbursement for ordering checks for the new checking account.

Mike Fleetwood updated the Board concerning the visit that he, Jessica Wilkerson, and Gary Wilkerson made to the City Council on Monday, May 13, 2024.

Mike Fleetwood updated the board on the application process for having a Day Hab in Ripley County through the Department of Mental Health. The process will include a somewhat longer wait time than expected to get certified once the application has been filed. Hopefully, the application will be ready for filing by May 25th.

In further discussion about finances, Dianne Smith made a motion to authorize Danny Short to spend up to \$400 for Quickbooks. Dave McElhiney seconded. Motion passed.

Laurie Harding made a motion to close out the CD at the Bank of Grandin and place the money in one of the two liquid accounts at Southern Bank. Dan Short seconded. Motion passed.

Jessica Wilkerson gave an update on new consumers at the PLC. Judy Tracy will be meeting with Mike and others from the Board to help the PLC apply for a grant for new bathrooms and to fix the fire egress.

Mike Hawkins has still not been approved by the County Commissioners, but the Board expects him to be approved at the next meeting of the Commissioners.

A discussion was held concerning how to process donations made to the PLC.

The next meeting of the SB40 Board will be held Tuesday, June 18th at the PLC at 6 pm.

Dan Short made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave McElhiney seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.