

Members present: Kippy Breeden, Kelli Parsons, Natalie Collins (arrived 3:30 p.m.), Art Fanter, Allen Andersen, and Megan Dwyer Others Present, Administrator Knackstedt, Mat Schneppe, and Jim Kelly

Chair Breeden called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m.

There was no public comment

Member Andersen moved to approve the agenda as printed, Member Dwyer seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

- 3-3:15 p.m. St. Malachy School
Reviewed the need for a language arts curriculum, student learning loss due to COVID, lack of access to grants available to public schools.
- 3:20-3:35 p.m. Abilities Plus
Would be for a grant for day programs and does not include transportation. \$15-\$30 per day
- 3:40-3:55 p.m. Geneseo Growth and Development
Still would purchase without county funds. Current vehicles in rough shape. Not exploring renting a bus from PINKS.
- 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Sundance for our Soldiers
Primarily for HC residents but very mobile. The funds would be used to expand to a fixed facility and services.
- 4:20-4:35 p.m. Rebuilding Together
Prioritize projects if funding is not awarded. There are six properties in Kewanee they have already identified.
- 4:40 – 4:55 p.m. Freedom House
The repair has been completed from the reserve funds. The building is not located in Henry County but approximately half of the clientele is from HC.
- 5-5:15 p.m. Colona Public Library
The library can cover the cost if not funded.
- 5:20-5:35 p.m. Henry County Fair
They have already raised \$166,000 for the project and can do the HVAC project in phases. If not funded they will have to change the scope of the project and bathrooms are a definite need. State Fair funding has dried up.
- 5:40 – 5:55 p.m. Friends of the Hennepin Canal

The organization is pursuing grants from four counties to secure funding for the guard lock. The State has committed engineering the locks last year. It is the only canal in the US that is fully watered and close to 1M people use the canal annually.

6:00 – 6:15 p.m. HC Senior Citizens and Kewanee Senior
Citizens will go together

They have nine routes consisting of approximately 480 miles per day.

6:20-6:35 p.m. HC Soil and Water

This is a priority for the organization. They have a waiting list of applicants for stormwater mitigation, conservation on the ground programs to protect our productive soils. Cover crops and no till programs.

6:40 – 6:55 p.m. Bishop Hill

7-7:15 p.m. HC Housing Authority

7:20-7:35 p.m. The Salvation Army

7:40 – 7:55 p.m. Orion American Legion

The bathrooms and exit are the priorities. They also would like a kitchen and canteen addition. They have 99 active members.

8:00- 8:15 p.m. YMCA

They do community lunches for kids. Down 20% in membership since COVID.

Chair Breeden reviewed the interview process and called in the first interviewee.

The committee also directed Administrator Knackstedt to clean up the application by adding language to address COVID project guidelines and clarify certain sections.

Member Dwyer moved to adjourn, Member Andersen seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.