RSVP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
PLACE: Balsam Room 100 W Keenan St, Rhinelander WI
DATE: Thursday, October 15, 2026

Members Present: Joan Hauer, Dawn Winquist, Cynthia Binkis
Staff Members Present: Lori Ring

The meeting called to order by Dawn Winquist at 9:06 a.m. Due to a lack of a quorum, Winquist moved action items to the next meeting of the RSVP Advisory Council.

There was no public comment or communication from members.

The date and time of the next meeting will be January 21, 2027 at 9:00 a.m. in the Balsam meeting room at the ADRC.

Ring introduced a new Council Member, Cynthia Binkis who was recommended by Nancy Brissee. The ADRC committee voted to accept her application as per our by-laws. Cynthia introduced herself and gave some of her background.

Ring included a copy of our current By-laws for review and since it is a new grant cycle the by-laws will be forwarded on to the ADRC committee and then on to the county board for approval.

The financial report furnished by Ring was the close out federal financial report showing the breakdown of federal funds and county funds used to support the grant during the previous three year grant. Our new three year grant has secured funding until March 31, 2027. We are currently under a Continuing Resolution for the federal budget until December 11, so applications for grant continuation funds should arrive after budget negotiations and appropriations bills are voted on.

The current report on volunteer activity showed the total number of hours for the year that will be celebrated at our annual volunteer recognition event. As of today 16,343 hours have been recorded.

The volunteer recognition event will be held at The Pines Event Center, Friday, October 23. Volunteers and guests will each receive a calendar, pen and hat. The top 10 will be honored and given a gift, and then several door prizes will be given out including screen printed blankets, and community gifts. Volunteers will be briefed on grant updates, reminded of grant requirements and celebrate our collective impact on the community.

Future agenda topics include voting for two meeting's minutes and agendas, debriefing the volunteer luncheon, discussing Spring volunteer recognition projects, adding another new council member, hearing an update on grant continuation funding, and accepting by-laws.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned by Dawn Winquist at 9:36 a.m.

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