

Ransom County Job Development Authority (RCJDA)

April 15th, 2026 – Ransom County Shop Sheldon, ND

Members Present: Tim Kennedy, Greg Schwab, Rick Mairs, Jo Stulz, Tara Gillespie, Sye Olson (by Phone)

Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Martin Briss, Mr. & Mrs. Pfaff, Marshall Braaten

Meeting called to order: 7:15 pm (Tara G.) delayed due to Jo S. being late arriving

Approval of Minutes from January 21st, 2026: with no corrections or additions noted

Motion to approve Minutes: Tim Kennedy

Second: Rick Mairs

Motion: PASSED- AVF

Treasurer Report: Rick Mairs reported that the current balance is **\$ 57,996.03 after a deposit of taxes in the amount of \$ 43, 243.00 was received** in the bank account after paying:

Motion to approve Treasure's Report: Jo Stulz

Second: Tim Kennedy

Motion: PASSED- AVF

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

Funding Requests Received for current quarter:

Meat Wizards LLC (Greg Pfaff & Martin Briss) of Enderlin, ND appeared before the RCJDA requesting \$10,000 for business start-up of the estimated \$ 100,000 projected costs of equipment including but not limited to an additional commercial freezer and refrigerator, meat saw, injector, dehydrator, signs, warmers, lugs, shelving, oven, flat top for their catering/event business and store front. The equipment has been purchased, with invoices for documentation attached to the application. They are hoping for an additional 1 employee per year and up to 3 part time once the business is fully operational. They have been in business since July of 2025 with approximately a net monthly income of \$ 2500 revenue. They have also applied for additional grants and funding from other sources within the county.

Motion to approve \$ 7500 by: Tim Kennedy

Second: Rick Mairs

Motion: PASSED- AVF

Braaten-Kennedy LLC (Marshall Braaten & Tim Kennedy) of McLeod, ND appeared before the RCJDA requesting \$ 10,000 for help towards completion of the first two cabins of the projected \$ 250,000 costs associated with the bed and (not offering a breakfast) housing option for rent in McLeod, ND for events such as Cowboy Up for instance. The impact of this would give people visiting the area an option to stay with their pets (ie hunters) and in turn utilize the area businesses in McLeod while staying locally, increasing the revenue for the area. The economic impact growth has for an area with limited options for places to stay creates an opportunity for great impact for growth. The potential would be for 4 part-time employees or more in busy seasons as needed.

Tim Kennedy abstained from RCJDA Board discussion and voting

Motion to approve \$ 10,000 by: Jo Stulz

Second: Sye Olson (by phone)

Motion: PASSED- AVF (T. Kennedy abstained)

New Business:

Rick Mairs, Treasurer, reported that the commercial liability bond has been secured and good until 2028.

Next Meeting: *** SPECIAL DATES DUE TO SCHEDULING ISSUES WITH BOARD MEMBERS**

August 5th, 2026, at Enderlin Golf Course at 7:00 pm (Tara G. will arrange with for meeting)

*Notice will be posted online on the Ransom County website along with the applications deadline date of **July 22nd, 2026**, will be handled by Jo S.

Adjourn meeting:

Motion: Jo Stulz

Second: Sye Olson (by phone)

Motion: PASSED -AVF

Meeting adjournment at 8:10 pm (Tara G.)



Tara Gillespie – Chairperson



Jo Stulz - Secretary