

# CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL

## MINUTES

March 13, 2025

In attendance at the meeting were Melisa Jahner-Chairperson, Bob McPartlan, Dylan Tedders, Pat McCoy, Frank DeCarlo, William Wallace, Jessica Lea, Debbie Gillis, Michael Hazellief and Toni Wiersma-Executive Director.

Absent: Pat McCoy and Heather Hancock

Audience: Kristy Crawford

### 1) Meeting called to order by chairman Melisa Jahner at 5:30 PM

### 2) Melissa Jahner welcomed our new board members: Debbie Gillis, Michael Hazellief, and Jessica Lea

### 3) Additions or corrections to the agenda

a) Toni Wiersma added items

(1) 5 d. – CD maturing 3/18/2025

(2) 8 a. – Possible budget amendment for Summer Projects

(3) 9 a. – Possible budget amendment for Scholarships

Frank DeCarlo made the motion to accept the agenda as presented with the additions. Bill Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 4) Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2025

a) Meeting – February 6, 2025. Bob McPartlan made a motion to approve the minutes. Dylan Tedders seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 5) Approval of Financial Statements:

a) **Approval of Financial Statements: October – February 2025**

(1) Financial Statement– October 1,2024– February 28, 2025

Toni Wiersma presented the financial statement:

- **INCOME**

- (i) **Total Income - \$1,185,311.40**

- **GROSS PROFIT - \$1,185,311.40**

- **EXPENSES**

- (i) Administration - \$51,278.68

- (ii) Program Services – Agencies – RFP - \$172,855.11

- (iii) Scholarships - \$0.00

- (iv) Summer Projects - \$0.00

- (v) Special Projects - \$167,555.97

- (vi) **TOTAL EXPENSES - \$391,689.76**

- **NET INCOME - \$793,621.64**

- **CURRENT ASSETS**

- (i) SouthState Checking Account 0677 - \$1,828,143.95

- (ii) CD –\$473,887.11

- (iii) Refundable Agency Grants - -\$(140.00)

- **TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS - \$2,301,735.17**

- **FIXED ASSETS**

- (i) Equipment - \$1,926.00

- (ii) Accumulated depreciation - -\$(1,177.63)

- (iii) TOTAL FIXED ASSETS - \$748.37
- **TOTAL ASSETS - \$2,382,483.54**
- **LIABILITIES**
  - (i) Total Current Liabilities - \$2,841.11
  - (ii) Total Equity - \$2,299,642.43
- **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY - \$2,302,483.54**

Frank DeCarlo made a motion to accept the financial statement. Bob McPartlan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**b) Budget vs. Expenditures**

Toni Wiersma also presented the Management Report for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the Profit and Loss statement for the period October 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025. Toni Wiersma pointed out to the Board the categories listed on the Profit and Loss Stat. Toni Wiersma discussed budget vs actual expenses to make sure that the Board remains in their budget. Bill Wallace made a motion to approve the Budget vs. Expenditures sheet.

**c) Florida Prime Discussion**

Toni Wiersma emailed the Board the information about Florida Prime. The interest rate at this time is 4.1%. This is an investment company, and the School Board has money invested in Florida Prime as well as the Children’s Services Council of Martin County. Toni Wiersma asked the question if the board members determined if the money was secured by reading the document. Bob McPartlan and Dylan Tedders said they did not read that it was insured, but the School Board and Martin County Children’s Services Council could not invest in a company that had any risk

**d) CD maturing on 3/18/2025.**

Toni Wiersma informed the Board that the current CD at SouthState Bank was maturing on March 18, 2025. The current interest rate for a 5-month CD is 3.85%. However, SouthState is willing to offer the Board a 5-month CD at 4.15%. Board discussion. Since the rate is the same as Florida Prime and SouthState had a relationship with CSC and SouthState was willing to give us a better rate that SouthState was the better offer. Bob McPartlan made the motion to renew the current CD with SouthState Bank. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. Melisa Jahner abstained from the vote. The vote carried

**6) Conflict of Interest Forms:**

- a) Toni Wiersma asked the new members to complete the conflict-of-interest forms for other organizations or board.

**7) Special Project Requests**

**a) Our Village Grad Party - \$10,000.00**

Magi Cable presented a request in writing for \$10,000.00 to help fund prizes for the Grad Party for OHS graduating seniors. The Board has approved this request for several years. This year donation would be used to purchase 40 student laptops. Bob McPartlan made a motion to give \$10,000.00 to the OHS grad party. Bill Wallace seconded the motion.

**b) Rotary Club of Okeechobee - \$18,000.00 for End the Hunger Backpack Program**

Kristy Crawford from the Okeechobee Rotary Foundation appeared before the Board to **request \$18,000.00** to help the National Honor Society of Okeechobee High School to have enough funds to continue feeding 210 students every weekend. The Rotary Club is actually acting as a pass-through account to help support this organization. The Rotary Club has donated \$2,000.00 of their funds to this worthy cause. The NHS has done many fundraising events and has also solicited sponsorships from many different organizations. Michael Hazellief asked about the sustainability of the program. A discussion was held that NHS has sponsored this program for at least 15 years, and it started with serving

30 kids at one elementary school to sponsoring 210 students at all elementary schools and middle schools. Michael Hazellief made a motion to grant the Okeechobee Rotary Foundation \$18,000.00 for the NHS End the Hunger Backpack program. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion.

## 8) Approval of Summer Grants

The Summer Grant committee of Daryl Roehm, Pat McCoy and Toni Wiersma brought recommendations to the board regarding the funding of summer grants. This year 33 proposed projects were submitted for approval. This is an increase of 12 projects from the previous year. The total request was for \$512,449.81, but the committee recommended expenditure of \$385,200.00.

The following projects were presented:

4-H Crafting Project: \$2600.00	Freedom Ranch-Cowboy Camp: \$25000.00
4-H Shooting and Conservation camp: \$3500.00	Helping People Succeed: \$21000.00
4-H Fishing and Conservation camp: \$4,100.00	Indian River State College: \$20000.00
Big O Teen Anglers: \$15,000.00	Jimmy Gary Acting School: \$20000.00
Boxfit Okeechobee – Kickboxing Camp: \$6,000.00	M2L High School Retreat: \$4000.00
Boxfit Okeechobee – MS Soccer: \$5000.00	M2L Lake Yale Camp: \$6000.00
Boxfit Okeechobee – HS Soccer: \$5000.00	M2L Vacation Bible School: \$2500.00
Chobee Bulls Youth Football: \$5000.00	Men of Distinction: \$24000.00
Chobee Community United – Chess: \$6,500.00	New Horizons: \$15000.00
Chobee Dirtbags- Baseball/Softball: \$13,000.00	Our Village Empowerment Camp: \$10000.00
Chobee Elite Volleyball: \$12,000.00	Village Kids Camp: \$10000.00
Chobee Steelers: \$13500.00	OYFL Football Camp: \$13000.00
D&G Kickboxing and Fitness: \$10000.00	Peace Lutheran Summer Camp: \$13000.00
Forward Bound Youth Services: \$12000.00	Rock Solid Christian Academy: \$11000.00

Bill Wallace made a motion to approve the above summer camps for the amounts listed. Michael Hazellief seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office camp: \$12000.00

Frank DeCarlo made a motion to approve the Sheriff's camp. Bill Wallace seconded the motion. Michael Hazellief and Jessica Lea abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Okeechobee Education Foundation – Leadership camp: \$26000.00

Bob McPartlan made a motion to approve the Okeechobee Education Foundation Leadership camp. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. Dylan Tedders abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Okeechobee Main Street – Art – Stained Glass camp: \$6000.00

Okeechobee Main Street – Crafty Kids camp: \$9000.00

Dylan Tedders made a motion to approve Main Street camps. Jessica Lea seconded the motion. Frank DeCarlo abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Wrestling Club of Okeechobee: \$24500.00

Michael Hazellief made a motion to approve the Wrestling camp. Bob McPartlin seconded the motion. Melisa Jahner abstained from the vote. The motion carried

### a) Possible budget increase to summer projects.

The current budget for summer projects is \$300,000.00. The approved summer projects totaled \$385,200.00. Bill Wallace made a motion to move \$85,200.00 from the fund balance to summer projects. Michael Hazellief seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**9) Approval of Scholarships:**

The scholarship committee of Amanda Riedel, Melisa Jahner and Toni Wiersma brought recommendations to the board regarding the awarding of scholarships. Last year eleven applications were received, and nine scholarships were awarded at \$5000.00 each. This year, nineteen scholarships were submitted. The committee recommended sixteen scholarships to be awarded at \$3500.00 each. A discussion was held that in previous years we had awarded scholarships for \$5000.00 each. The reason the committee recommended \$3500.00 was to stay close within the budgeted amount of \$50000.00. Bob McPartlan made a suggestion that scholarships be awarded according to grade point average. Students with a 3.75 – 4.0 be awarded \$5000.00, students with a 3.5 – 3.74 be awarded \$4000.00 and students with a 3.0 – 3.49 be awarded \$3500.00. Bill Wallace made a motion that scholarships be awarded based on grade point average per the suggestion made by Bob McPartland. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Scholarships were awarded to:

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| Lizabeth Garcia - \$5000.00  | Heidi Garcia-Reyes - \$4000.00 |
| Jackson Holcomb - \$5000.00  | Rocio Gomez - \$4000.00        |
| Abby Keith - \$5000.00       | Johanna Hernandez - \$4000.00  |
| Monica Luviano - \$5000.00   | Mercedes Locke - \$4000.00     |
| Avery Manson - \$5000.00     | Lexi Ramirez - \$4000.00       |
| Hannah Williams - \$5000.00  | Kinsley Clanton - \$3500.00    |
| Bryanna Castillo - \$4000.00 | Jaelyn Lineberry - \$3500.00   |
| Adeline Garcia - \$4000.00   | Mayte Santos - \$3500.00       |

**10) Open Discussion:**

- a) Discussion was held to change the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting because of the conflict with scholarship night. The Board decided to move the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b) Toni Wiersma reminded the board that it was time for Mid-Year evaluations. She would be contacting the agencies to schedule a time with their monitors to complete the Mid-Year evaluations.

**11) Next meeting date is April 10, 2025.**

**12) Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Toni Wiersma*

**Toni Wiersma, Executive Director**