MINUTES OF THE COALITION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

155 N. Taylor Street, Fallon, NV 89406
February 24, 2025

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Coalition for Senior Citizens was called to order at 4:00 PM on February 24, 2025.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Member Karla Kent, Chair
Member Lindsay Larsen, Vice-Chair
Member Becky Schelling
Member Cheryl Venturacci
Member Phyllis Peyerl
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pam Moore
Deputy Clerk Crystal Muschetto

ABSENT: N/A

Public Comments:

Chair Kent asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk of the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 18th day of February, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

Member Becky Schelling made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Member Cheryl Venturacci seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Election of a Secretary/Treasurer for the Coalition for Senior Citizens.
With the change in board members, the board is asked to elect a Secretary/Treasurer to serve for a period of one year, effective immediately through January 31, 2026.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Peyerl nominated Cheryl Venturacci as Secretary/Treasurer.

Chair Kent asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Phyllis Peyerl made a motion to appoint Cheryl Venturacci as Secretary/Treasurer, to serve a one-year term through January 31, 2026. Member Becky Schelling seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Authorization to change the signers for the checking and savings accounts for the Coalition for Senior Citizens by deleting Justin Heath as a signer and adding two additional board members.

Former Commissioner Justin Heath's term has expired and he was one of the signers on the accounts. To ensure that we have three people who can sign checks, the board is asked to authorize two additional signers and to remove Justin Heath as a signer on the checking and savings accounts. Treasurer Karla Kent is the other signer on the accounts.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Schelling and Member Phyllis nominated Cheryl Venturacci and Lindsay Larsen as signers on the accounts.

Chair Kent asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Becky Schelling made a motion to appoint Cheryl Venturacci and Lindsay Larsen as signers on the Coalition for Senior Citizen's checking and savings accounts and removal of Justin Heath, effective immediately. Member Phyllis Peyerl seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Discussion and approval of ideas to assist senior citizens.

Board members will provide information and ideas for ways to assist senior citizens and may approve the implementation of ideas, including suggestions from the William N. Pennington Life Center.

Ideas that have already been suggested include:

- Monthly coffee socials at rotating locations, such as coffee shops and the sale barn where the Coalition could pay for coffee and donuts/muffins;
- Monthly movie matinee, with small soda and popcorn purchased by Coalition;
- Monthly senior events calendar mailing;
- Seeking law students or attorneys who would provide pro bono help to seniors with wills and trusts;
- High school accounting students to help with basic tax returns for seniors;

- Quarterly drawing for a gift certificate to Walmart or the movie theater;
- Purchase of Meals on Wheels Oliver Packing Machine ($30,000);
- Purchase of an additional puzzle table;
- Volunteers to lead classes;
- Sponsoring a class to pay for an instructor and materials, if needed;
- Hiring of a part-time activity coordinator;
- Sponsoring field trips;
- Sponsoring a fundraiser;
- Assisting with marketing for donations;
- Conducting an awareness campaign.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Peyerl noted that the addition of more bingo stations has made the game more accessible to a larger group of participants. She asked whether a slush fund was available to cover small incidental purchases. Chair Kent explained that no such fund currently exists and any purchases would need to be formally added to the Agenda and approved through a vote. Chair Kent then asked if Member Peyerl had a specific amount in mind. Member Peyerl responded with a request for $12.00 to purchase ankle weights, noting that many attendees have limited resources and might also benefit from items like bingo card holders. She suggested possibly ordering from Amazon. Chair Kent agreed to place the matter on the Agenda for further input and a formal decision. Member Venturacci added that it would be helpful to compile a list of needed items, which could then be voted on—along with any decision about reimbursements.

Member Schelling emphasized the importance of staying proactive, mentioning plans for a free swim event to attract more participants and increase class offerings. She also shared a copy of the winter hours and upcoming activities at the pool. Chair Kent responded by revisiting a previous idea of holding quarterly social events, such as a coffee outing or a movie at the theater, suggesting they try it out and learn from the experience.

Member Schelling brought up the possibility of organizing trips using buses or the CART transportation service, with destinations like Pyramid Lake. She acknowledged the need for advertising and noted the senior center's bus only seats 13. Chair Kent expressed uncertainty about the Coalition's access to that bus.

Member Schelling then referenced a past inquiry about hiring a part-time person. She said the county might support up to 10 hours per week but with many restrictions. She also raised concerns about fairness to volunteers if only one person were paid. Chair Kent suggested postponing the bus idea until more research could be done on logistics and requirements.

However, she supported beginning the planning process for other outings to identify potential challenges.

Member Peyerl noted that seniors simply want more opportunities to get out. Chair Kent proposed hosting afternoon events on weekends or weeknights exclusively for seniors, perhaps including group popcorn purchases. Member Peyerl suggested a lunch-style outing, as many seniors don't drive. Chair Kent agreed it would need to be scheduled well in advance. Member Schelling proposed aiming for late March, since winter is a difficult time to plan. Chair Kent noted they would need to choose a movie. Vice-Chair Larsen mentioned a past IMax trip to see Gone with the Wind. Member Schelling said more than a handful of seniors would need to attend to justify costs. Member Peyerl added that CART offers summer trips and Vice-Chair Larsen said coordination with CART would be necessary.

Chair Kent asked if the board should move forward with planning a theater event, and she stated they would need to set a date, pick a movie, and start promoting the event. She explained that the theater rental is $50 for nonprofits but that fee is waived if 20 or more people attend—though guests would then pay $5 for a drink and popcorn combo. Member Peyerl clarified that the seniors would not be buying concessions; the Coalition would cover that cost. Flyers would be distributed at the senior center, Highland, the VFW, and especially on the independent living side of the Homestead, where many residents still drive or have access to a shuttle. Chair Kent suggested targeting a 1:00 or 2:00 PM showtime, with Vice-Chair Larsen offering 4:00 PM as another option. Member Peyerl asked how much time they would need to get flyers posted and Member Schelling estimated a couple of weeks. Chair Kent proposed tying the event to St. Patrick's Day and encouraging themed attire but reminded everyone that Thursdays are off-limits due to bingo night. Vice-Chair Larsen emphasized choosing a movie that would appeal to both men and women.

Ultimately, the board decided on a March 25th theater event to screen Grumpy Old Men, with a budget of up to $600. It was also mentioned that Lynn Pearce, who works at the local radio station, might be willing to help promote the event on air.

Chair Kent informed the board that they recently secured $24,000 in funding to support the Meals on Wheels vehicle, marking a significant gain for the program. Member Peyerl commented on how expensive the related costs are and how much stress it causes for those involved. Chair Kent then asked whether Jill had already addressed the issue. Vice-Chair Larsen responded that she had not yet spoken with her about it. Member Peyerl inquired about what equipment is currently being used and Member Schelling explained that, regarding the meal sealing machine, her understanding was that the program either had to purchase it outright or return it. Chair Kent suggested the board further investigate to determine whether there is still a need for the machine or other support.

Chair Kent asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Cheryl Venturacci made a motion to authorize the hosting of a movie event at

the Fallon Theatre on March 25, 2025, at 1:00 PM, at a maximum cost of $600.00. Member Lindsay Larsen seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of changes to the Bylaws for the Coalition for Senior Citizens.

The board is asked to consider and possibly approve the changes to the Bylaws for the Coalition for Senior Citizens.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Other

Chair Kent brought up proposed changes to the current Bylaws, noting that all edits had been marked in red for review. She asked the board whether they wanted to suggest any further changes or if they were comfortable with the revisions as presented. One specific Bylaw discussed was Section 3.02, which addresses board membership requirements. The section currently states that one member must be a senior citizen at least 60 years of age and "nominated from the senior congregate," a condition that she suggested revising the to end the sentence after "60 years of age." The board agreed to the edit and also reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring that at least one senior citizen serves on the board.

Chair Kent asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Phyllis Peyerl made a motion to approve the changes to the Bylaws as amended. Member Becky Schelling seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of paying for the printing and mailing of the pamphlet created by the William N. Pennington Life Center to all seniors over the age of 60 from the voter registration list.

A mailing list has been received from the Clerk/Treasurer's office for seniors over the age of 60. The board will consider whether to approve the mailing of the pamphlet created by staff at the William N. Pennington Life Center to these seniors. Member Schelling will bring an estimate from Jeff's Digitex Printing for these services from their bulk mail permit.
FISCAL IMPACT: To be determined.
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: To be determined.
FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Schelling reported that the estimate from Jeff's to print and mail the pamphlet will be $500.00.

Chair Kent asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Cheryl Venturacci made a motion to approve the printing of 500 pamphlets by

Jeff's Digitex to be distributed and passed around by the Life Center. Member Lindsay Larsen seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Staff or Board comments regarding matters affecting the Coalition for Senior Citizens:

There were no additional comments made by the board.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

The following Agenda items were suggested: regular quarterly items, purchase of a phone for the Coalition, and creating a logo for the Coalition.

Establishment of Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was set for May 12, 2025 at 3:00 PM.

Public Comment:

Chair Kent asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Approved: Karla Kent
Karla Kent, Member

Approved: Becky Schelling
Becky Schelling, Member

Approved:
Lindsay Larsen, Member

Approved: Phyllis E. Peyerl
Phyllis Peyerl, Member

Approved: Cheryl Venturacci
Cheryl Venturacci, Member

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer
Pamela D Moore
Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk of the Board