**ANAMOOSE JDA MEETING MINUTES**

**1-4-2024**

President Ewert called the Anamoose JDA Board meeting to order this 4th day of January 2024, at 7:02 pm at City Hall. Rudnick, Goodwin, Martin, Stafford, and Dusek were present. Ammon was absent. Also present were Father Tom Graner, Johnny James, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 9-6-2023 regular meeting were read and approved. Goodwin/Martin. AIF

Treasurer’s Report was submitted and accepted with a balance of $11,571.84. Rudnick/Dusek. AIF

**New Business:**

Johnny James shared with the Board his interest in leasing the 1909 Steakhouse. He stated that he has 18 years of experience as a chef, and 13 years of kitchen experience. He gave two references of previous employment in Nevada and stated that he has recently bought a home and moved to Drake, ND. He plans to be open Tuesday – Sunday, 1:00 – 9:00 pm. He would keep steak on the menu, along with homemade soups, and dinner salads. He has already started the process of applying for the required permits. Earlier in the week, James toured the Steakhouse with Schnase. He felt the building would work for the business he would like to start there. A copy of the lease was given to James, and a meeting to finalize the lease will be planned when an opening date has been decided. The Board informed him that a $1,000.00 security deposit, and a $1,000.00 propane deposit will be required at the time the lease is signed. Motion by Goodwin to charge $500.00 lease per month for the first 6 months, and then meet to reevaluate the lease following that time, 2nd by Martin. Roll call was taken:

Goodwin Yay

Rudnick Nay

Dusek Yay

Martin Yay

Stafford Yay

Motion passed.

The Board asked Schnase to compile a current inventory list of the items in the 1909 Steakhouse, which will also be acknowledged and signed by both James and a JDA member at the time the lease is signed. Motion to do a credit check and background check on Johnny James. Rudnick/Martin. AIF

There has been no response to the Food Hub building ad. Schnase was asked to contact USDA and ask how the JDA can divest themselves of this property. The property would have to be sold at fair market value.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm. Martin/Goodwin. AIF

Frank Ewert, President

Laurel Schnase, City Auditor