

## **RICHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER 980 COMMITTEE**

**May 14, 2019**

A meeting of the Richland County Chapter 980 Committee was held at 3:00 p.m. on May 14, 2019 in the Main Conference Room of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Tracy Thorsen, Mike Bindl, Benjamin Southwick, Mary Collins and Johnsrud.

Members Absent: Scott Timm and Lynn Newkirk

Others Present: Meghan Rohn.

Approve Agenda and Posting: Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Mike Bindl to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Approve, 2019 Richland County Chapter 980 Committee Minutes: The approval of the minutes of the April 29, 2019 meeting of the Richland County Chapter 980 Committee will be approved at the next meeting of the committee.

Consideration of Housing Options for Impending Release of Sex Offender: Benjamin Southwick reported that he has sent an email to Judge Rood requesting clarification on the two different orders that appear to be in place and if the order issued regarding the placement in Ashland County is permanent or temporary. He is currently awaiting a response.

An email was also sent to all of the Richland County Board Supervisors by Benjamin Southwick, informing them of the status of the committee and what we are looking for. As a result, Larry Sebranek contacted Tracy Thorsen and informed her that he has a relative he believes would be interested that owes a property meeting the criteria. Mike Bindl reviewed the property and confirmed that it appears to meet the statutory requirements in addition to having good cell phone service. Larry Sebranek intended to speak with the property owner and, if interested, Tracy Thorsen will make sure they are able to make contact with Scott Timm. Mike Bindl noted that the owners of the property are listed as Saber Farms LLC.

Discussion was held regarding Mr. Sugden's current status and the limitations he will have when he is released were reviewed. Mr. Sugden has not yet been released and will be confined to the residence for the first year unless chaperoned.

Follow up was given regarding other avenues still being pursued at this point in time. Mark Schmitz, a realtor from Madison with ties to the area continues to watch for properties. No further communication has been received as a result from our outreach to the various townships or the ads placed in the various publications. Local business owner Denny Jax did follow up and unfortunately he is not able to assist at this time.

The deadline to locate a placement is May 29, 2019, and the next hearing for the case is scheduled at the Richland County Court House on June 11, 2019 at 2:45pm. If the possibility brought forward by Larry Sebranek does not work out the committee may need to prepare to submit something to the judge at the next meeting. The ad will continue to run in the publications until that time as well.

Adjourn: The next meeting was scheduled for May 28, 2019 at 9:00am in the main conference room of the Community Services Building. Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Mary Collins Johnsrud to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Rohn

Confidential Administrative Secretary