



# MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT ACKER TRUST BOARD

City of Prescott Acker Trust Board  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 28, 2020  
3:00 p.m.

824 E. Gurley St  
Prescott, Arizona  
(928) 777-1122

Minutes of the Acker Trust Board Meeting held May 28, 2020, located at 824 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, Arizona.

**A. Call to Order**

Chairwoman Linda Nichols called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Parks and Recreation Board Members and Liaisons

Present

Excused/Absent

Linda Nichols  
Sherri Hanna  
Michael Gjede  
Jon Berry – via Zoom  
Hayle Knight – via Zoom

Council Liaison

Councilwoman Cathy Rusing was not present at the meeting

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Patti Colvin  
Recreation Services Director, Joe Baynes

Joe Baynes read over the specifics of J.S. Acker's will for the Board's information.

**C. Approval of June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Linda Nichols verified that the minutes had been read by all Board Members and made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019, as written, seconded by Michael Gjede. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Budget Setting**

Linda Nichols, Board Chairwoman explained the process for today's meeting to the new Board Members. After general discussion the Board chose to set a budget for Grants for fiscal year 2021. Linda Nichols made the motion to set the budget at \$12,000.00. Motion was seconded by Hayle Knight. Michael Gjede stated that he feels there is no need to spend an entire amount budgeted, but could choose to be fiscally responsible by granting a lesser amount. Further discussion took place regarding an actual amount to set the budget. Hayle Knight stated she would be comfortable with setting budget at \$10,000 to \$11,000. Jon Berry said that he feels 10,000 would be sufficient. Sherri Hanna reminded

the Board that just because a budget is set at a certain amount it does not require the Board to specifically spend that amount. A **MOTION** was made by Linda Nichols to set the budget for FY21 at \$11,000. The motion was seconded by Michael Gjede. **MOTION** passed unanimously.

**E. Scoring of grant requests**

The Board held a general discussion as to how the scoring would be done. Michael Gjede stated that he feels the proposals that indicate serving larger numbers of students should get priority. Linda Nichols began a discussion as to whether the grant request by the Prescott YMCA actually fits the parameters in J.S. Acker's will. It was brought up that the YMCA is not a facility open to the public, but is membership based. Hayle Knight also mentioned that she felt their proposal did not allow for the largest number of students to be able to participate.

The Board then discussed the proposal from Yavapai College Performing Arts Center (YCPAC). Linda Nichols spoke to the fact that 1500 students from elementary and middle schools would benefit from the proposal by YCPAC. Jon Berry stated that he didn't like the fact that they would charge for tickets to their events.

The Yavapai Symphony Association's proposal was discussed next. They are asking for \$3000 for scholarships for middle and high school students. Sherri Hanna stated that she has grandchildren who have participated in this program and it is well received by the students. The proposal states that 250 to 350 students would benefit from the program as proposed.

Lastly, Chaparral Arts proposal was discussed. Their proposal states that over 300 students under age 18 who are Prescott residents benefit from their program. It was noted that Chaparral Arts had answered the Board's earlier question regarding whether or not students outside the Prescott Unified School District could participate. The Arts group came back stating that they even reach out to home schooled children and allow their participation.

**F. Grant Awards**

After much discussion a motion was made by Linda Nichols, stating **MOTION** to grant funding to those who submitted proposals seconded by Michael Gjede as follows:

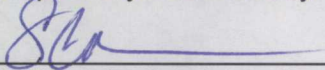
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| Chaparral Arts:                         | \$4000.00                                   |
| Yavapai College Performing Arts Center: | \$3000.00                                   |
| Yavapai Symphony Association            | \$3000.00                                   |
| YMCA                                    | disqualified-does not meet Trust parameters |

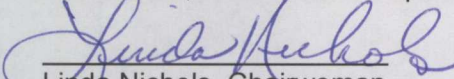
**MOTION** passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Nichols adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Patti Colvin, Administrative Specialist

  
Linda Nichols, Chairwoman

Date: 5/14/21