

## MINUTES

### Friends of the Wells

October 15, 2024, 6 PM

### Hall of Waters Conference Room

Present: Dennis Hartman, Sabrina Grant, Melinda Mehaffy, Lyndsey Baxter, Lisa Morgan, Sonya Morgan, Reggie St. John.

Dennis called the meeting to order.

1-Melinda moved to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024 meeting, Reggie seconded. Motion carried.

2- Meeting Summary October 17, 2024

3- Financial Report

New Donations:	\$179.35
Expenses :	
Owen Lumber for supplies	\$433.91
Preferred Well (well inspection/testing)	<u>\$4,000. 50</u>
Balance:	\$4,189.66

### Unfinished Business

1- Preferred Well drilling Contract

2-Community Foundation grant application (book printing)

3-Memorandum of Understanding (draft)

Sonya proposed creating a committee to identify

Dennis, Reggie, Sonya, Melinda

### New Business

Dennis: reported that Preferred Well Drilling would be on site to test both Crystal Lithia and Soda (107 ft depth) wells on 10/15/24.

Melinda: submitted possibility of selling Wells of Excelsior Springs book at Harvest Festival.

Lyndsey: asked that Friends of the Wells consider moving its organization to the Community Foundation and operate as its own entity instead of a committee of DEP. Everyone agreed that this was a good time to make the transition. She said that DEP still wants to be a community partner, but this would clean up some of their bookkeeping on their profit/loss. It would also not hinder both organizations in applying for grant funding. Melinda moved to transfer funds from DEP to Community Foundation, Lisa seconded. Motion carried. Lyndsey will finalize with her board in November.

-Other fundraisers discussed, but the team indicated that it would be better to wait until the proposed grant is finalized.

-Rick Clevenger will be consulted on condition of White Sulfur Well to confirm the viability of reopening (previous information indicated 'something' had fallen into it).

-Original well/spring blueprints were presented to FOTW.

-It was determined that Melinda will scan blueprints into city's system and then store them in the museum.

Reggie moved to adjourn.

Melinda seconded motion to adjourn.

\*\*\*\*Next Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 19th at the Hall of Waters' Conference Room