



Peaslee Board of Directors Agenda

May 11, 2023, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Peaslee Tech Directors Meeting

In Attendance: Shirley Martin-Smith, Cynthia Yulich, Wayne Ricks, Dr. Bill DeWitt, Rick Hird, Dr. Kevin Kelley, Andrea Chavez, Bonnie Lowe via zoom, and Kiah O'Quinn, as official minute-taker.

Not in Attendance: George Crump, Brittany Hall

Shirley called the meeting to order at 3:35pm

1. Approval of April 13, 2023, Minutes/Agenda – Vote

Shirley entertained a motion to approve the minutes and agenda. Cindy Yulich moved to approve the minutes/agenda. Motion seconded by Bill DeWitt. The motion of the minutes/agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report

● First Quarter 2023 Financials

Landi presented the 2023 First Quarter Financials. She said there was not a lot of change, instructional income was outperforming budget, instructional cost was up and Peaslee is over budget by \$42,000. Nothing was out of the ordinary. Douglas County Community Foundation interest is less than one dollar and it is decreasing in value and losing money. Landi suggested that Peaslee find something with less fees and can bring in more money.

● 2022 Audit & 990 Report: Angela Motsinger, Motsinger CPA Tax & Accounting, LLC – Vote

Angela Motsinger presented the 2022 Audit and 990 Report. She said there were no findings, nothing jumped out, and all is in order. She said compared to last year there is a lot more cash and more bank accounts to spread out the load of money. Andrea made some changes to the 990 Report to be more in line with last year's 990 Report. Other than that, everything was in order. Shirley entertained a motion to approve the 2022 Audit and 990 Report. Cindy moved to approve the 2022 Audit and 990 Report. Motion seconded by Wayne. The motion of the 2022 Audit and 990 Report was unanimously approved.

3. Updates/Discussion:

● Collaboration with Ready for Good

Kevin talked about the collaboration with Ready for Good. Ready for Good is a non-profit furniture store that hires kids that were in/are in the foster care system. The owner worked for O'Connell Youth Ranch and took a Carpentry Class at Peaslee. The idea is to make charcuterie boards and wine racks and sell them at Ready for Good. The creations will have both Peaslee and Ready for Good's logo. We will be making one in the next coming weeks so it can go on display at Ready for Good.

● Apprenticeship Update

Andrea presented the apprenticeship updates. We met with the counselors & principals of all the Douglas County school districts on 4/26. Youth and Pre-Apprenticeships will be funded under the SAEI Grant (State Apprenticeship



Expansion, Equity, and Inclusion Grant). We had 21 students apply for the youth apprenticeships last year and are expecting 50 this year. The minimum age is 16 and applicants must be a senior or graduating senior and/or private secondary school or an approved program leading to high school graduation (GED, home-based program, or charter school).

Peaslee will be offering the following Youth Apprenticeship programs beginning in the Fall Semester with an Application deadline of 8/21/2023:

- **1 - Commercial Driver's License (CDL-A), manual transmission, air brakes and combination vehicle:** Must be 18, 10–12-week course, M-T 12:30-2:30pm
- **2- Pharmacy Technician, certification as Pharmacy Technician:** 300-hour online course M-T 12:30-2:30pm
- **3- Facilities Maintenance:** Must be 18, M-T 12:30-2:30
- **4- Lube and Tire Technician:** Must be 18, 20-hour, M-T 12:30-2:30
- **5- Auto Detailing:** Must be 18, 20-hour, M-T 12:30-2:30
- **6- Carpentry:** M-T 12:30-2:30
- **8- Robotics Technician:** M-T 12:30-2:30
- **9- Spring 2024: Law and Public Safety:** Pre-Apprenticeship with career exploration in various careers in law enforcement.
- **7- Welding:** Must be at least 16, \$1200 Tues 5-8:30pm for 14 weeks.

Peaslee will be starting another cohort of apprentices with Berry, Hallmark, and AAKC between June-August 2023.

- Tenants to Homeowners Update
The trainees are currently putting the siding on the house. We are estimating the house will be transported to the site in about 2 weeks. Tenants to Homeowners committed to partnering with Peaslee for a minimum of 4 houses. This is a wonderful partnership and Tenants to Homeowners are thrilled to see the kids working on this project.
- 3 Year Funding - City of Lawrence
Bonnie and Kevin talked about the 3-year funding proposal that has been submitted to the City of Lawrence. It has been approved and will now go to the commission. She doesn't expect any push back. She also mentioned that the meeting was poorly run and the chair of the organization, who is a grant writer for KU, did not comment on the proposals and voted against everything. The three-year agreement does not tie them to anything and funding concerns are noted in the agreement. The city is not obligated to fund if there is non-performance or if there is an issue with the city's funding, revenue stream, or unexpected expenses.

4. Other Business

- **Kevin announced that Peaslee is getting a new roof that should last 50 years. The roof is \$1.1 million dollars, \$70,000 is on Peaslee, and the contractor is making a \$25,000 donation to Peaslee to offset the cost, the remainder is covered by insurance.**
- **Kevin announced a new partnership with Cottonwood. Peaslee will help support them in ways they can bring in more revenue to their business using THE CRUNCH space.**



- Peaslee will be supporting Amarr Garage in making pallet houses. These will be 8x8 Emergency houses, that will be constructed in 30 minutes.

 - Andrea provided Grant Updates:
 - a. Peaslee plans to apply for The Rice Family Foundation Grant, due in September 2023 and will notify no later than 12/31 if awarded. Requesting \$100,000.
 - b. Kriz Charitable Fund Inc. Grant: Due no later than 9/30/2023. Requesting \$100,000. Will match \$100,000 with Institutional Funds
 - i. Project: Training Utility/Commercial Level Solar Maintenance Technician
 - 1. We would set up several different types of solar arrays that would be commonly found in utility/commercial solar operations to serve as our lab and simultaneously provide energy to our facility. Installed on ground and roof.
 - c. Bert Nash SAMHSA Grant Partnership (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration)
 - i. \$50,000 yr. contract to cover tuition for up to 20 students per year from 9/30/2023-9/29/2027.
 - d. Bert Nash, Van Go Partnership on STAYWell Grant with Peaslee being a contractor (Supporting Transition-Age Youth Wellbeing) This grant project enables BNC to expand its SUD services for transition-age youth; expand staffing and increase wages in crisis mental health services, outpatient services, targeted case management, and peer support for transition-age youth; and maintain its newly implemented EHR designed to capture more information about sexuality and gender as well as to incorporate the NOMS Client-Level Services Tool for Adults into providers' daily workflow. Age 16-30
 - e. Private Funder will give funds to support partnership between BNC, Peaslee Tech and Van Go
 - f. Partnering with Community Children Center (CCC) – provided a letter of support and will be included in their request for Child Care Capacity Accelerator funds from Kansas Children's Cabinet for \$2 million to specifically support their renovation of their new childcare facility at 346 Maine St and establishing an apprenticeship program that provides valuable practical experience at the Early Childhood Community Center with Peaslee being the intermediary sponsor.
5. Executive Session (If needed)
No Executive Session was needed.
6. Adjourn
Shirley entertained a motion to adjourn. Bill moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Cindy. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.