Grow Greene County Gaming Corporation
Minutes Tuesday October 13, 2026
7:00 AM at the Journey Financial Education Room, Jefferson, Iowa

Our vision is to positively grow Greene County for families and businesses to thrive.
Grow Greene County Gaming Corporation's mission is to serve as a catalyst to leverage and coordinate resources, while providing opportunities for leadership and vision.

Present: Gabe Karber, Jared Taggart, Jeri Hedges LeeAnna Ausberger, Lori DeMoss, Bill Fields, Libby Towers, Todd Hansen, Megan Fouch, Dawn Rudolph, Cindy Duhrkopf. Absent: Mike Mumma, Matt Wetrich
Guests: None

Karber called the meeting to order at 7:02 AM
Consent Items A motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Fields to approve the Consent Items of the Agenda and Minutes of September 8, 2026.
Public Comment: None
Financial

Financial Reports from Meriwether, Wilson and Company PLLC were presented by Taggart, and Duhrkopf presented the current expenses. Ausberger made a motion to accept the financials and expenses; Hedges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hedges made a motion to cancel check signing privileges and remove Norm Fandel and Bob Allen from accounts at Home State Bank and recommended that Gabe Karber be added to the accounts as a signee. Fields seconded the motion; all were in favor motion carried. In future years we will include this as part of the Annual Meeting.

Taggart shared that current services by Meriwether and Wilson fulfill the requirements GGC needs in an account and auditor. He is not recommending any changes for 2027.
Legal Discussion- None
Administrative

The Tour of Projects was held on Friday, September 11, 2026, the board appreciated having less stops and more people coming to one location for presentations.

A letter to IRGC was sent supporting the current guidelines for QSOs. The only recommendations GGC may be in favor of is extending term limits to two four-year terms. The IRGC will meet on Thursday, October 15th to discuss any changes.

The board was in agreement that the January board meeting and the meeting with the contiguous counties and municipalities will be held on Thursday January 7th at 5:00 PM Board Meeting and 6:00 PM meeting with contiguous counties community foundations and the Greene County municipalities at Wild Rose. Duhrkopf will extend an invitation to all parties.

Karber shared a grant opportunity looking at collaborative opportunities for granting entities to work together on grant giving within an area. He also shared that Duhrkopf has indicated she will retire once the board has found a suitable replacement. The personnel committee will meet to see if the grant opportunity is something the board will peruses and also have conversations with other granting entities in the county.
Old Business-

A survey was conducted with board members regarding the meeting date and time. The current second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 AM received the majority vote and remain as the designated meeting date.
New Business-

The Grant Committee shared their recommendations for the 2027 Competitive Grants. The board was in favor of the timeline and minor changes.

Annually the board awards Give Back Awards as a way to give back to the Greene County residents. After discussion Ausberger made a motion to award the following Give Back Awards: $6,000 each to Congregate Meals, Adopt a Family, and New Opportunities Greene County Family Development Center, $10,000 to the ARC Food Pantry, $4,000 to the At Risk program at Greene County Community Schools, $2,000 to Paton Churdan Rocket Pack program and $1000 to Caring Hearts for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Hanson seconded the motion. All were in favor motion passed. The Give Back Awards will be presented on November 5th at 5:00 PM with a location to be decided. Duhrkopf will extend an invitation to all the recipients.

Future Meetings

November 5th at 5:00 PM Give Back Awards either at Wild Rose of Journey Financial
November 10, 2026, 7:00 AM Monthly Board meeting Journey Financials Education Room, 121 E Lincoln Way, Jefferson
December 8, 2026 7:00 AM Monthly Board meeting Journey Financials Education Room, 121 E Lincoln Way, Jefferson
January TBD if Meeting with Municipalities and Contiguous Counties
February 9, 2027 7:00 AM Monthly Board meeting Journey Financial Education Room, 121 E Lincoln Way, Jefferson, Iowa
February 17, 2027 4:00 PM Competitive grant portal closes
February 18th at noon Zoom for grant review instructions
February 18 to March 1st at 4:00 PM Review of grants by board members
March 5, 2027 Noon to 5:00 PM Monthly Meeting and Grant Review Journey Financial Education Room, 121 E Lincoln Way, Jefferson, Iowa
TBD if March 9, 2027 7:00 AM meeting is needed
April 6, 2027 Awards Night at Wild Rose Jefferson

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hedges seconded by Taggart, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 AM.