

# Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 09, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Habitat for Humanity Building – 129 Second Avenue SE - Cambridge

Member Attendance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adam Fussy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arlene Krogh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gail Genin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jamie High
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Kluck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Rostberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ronda Fenlon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Morris

Agenda Item	Discussion / Action
Veterans Issues/Needs	<b>CVSO Requests:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request (Car Repair) - \$950.95 – repaid has been completed and the invoice was received by the board.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion: Susan</li> <li>○ Second: Jessica</li> <li>○ Vote taken: approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>S&amp;FRS Requests &amp; Misc:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional requests were received.</li> <li>• Previous inquiry received through email did not respond to follow-up communication requesting verification and contact information.</li> </ul>
Fundraising Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grand Casino</b> - No report yet received from the fundraising box program for February. Deposits are typically made electronically once totals are reported.</li> <li>• <b>City Center Market</b> has scheduled the organization for their Round Up Program in July, where customers can round up purchases to support the organization.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The program will be promoted on social media.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Monthly Investment Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current investment balance: <b>\$150,583</b></li> <li>• Previous balance: <b>\$148,019</b></li> </ul> <p>***Market fluctuations may impact next month's balance due to recent market declines.</p>
Follow-up	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Schedule Signatory Meeting                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination challenges remain due to scheduling conflicts among current and incoming signatories</li> <li>• An update will be sent to board members via email once clarification is received and a meeting time can be scheduled.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Ongoing Strategic Planning Project                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Google Drive repository has been created to organize and store organizational documents.</li> <li>• Approximately 11 primary folders have been created for areas such as:</li> <li>• Documents are being renamed using a standardized year–month–date format where appropriate to improve organization and searchability.</li> <li>• Board members will receive access permission via email and are encouraged to review and organize materials related to their committees or roles.</li> <li>• The system will allow:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shared document access</li> <li>○ Controlled editing permissions</li> <li>○ Historical document retention</li> <li>○ Easier transitions for future committee chairs or board officers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2026 Dinner Dance – May 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Take posters and tickets to distribute throughout the community at businesses, restaurants, and other locations. Note where posters are placed to avoid duplication.</li> <li>○ Sponsorship outreach is ongoing. A sponsorship letter is available and will be distributed to potential sponsors.</li> <li>○ Planning continues for silent auction items, and members were encouraged to seek donations.</li> <li>○ The VFW has agreed to provide bartending services and alcohol, utilizing their transferable catering liquor license.</li> <li>○ Continue working to secure a Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the event.</li> <li>○ Exempt Gambling Permit                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Minnesota Gambling Control Board has received the organization's check and paperwork related to the exempt gambling permit.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Chambers of Commerce</b></p>	<p><b>Braham Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting is scheduled for the following evening.</li> <li>• Pi Day Breakfast fundraiser on March 14 at Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church from 9:00–11:00 AM. The event supports the nonprofit organization that hosts the annual Braham Pie Day festival.</li> </ul> <p><b>North 65</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No attendance –</li> <li>• State of Isanti County event in April, held at the Braham Event Center. Reservations are required and can be made through the North 65 website.</li> </ul>
<p><b>January ICBYR Task Force Committee Agenda Planning</b></p>	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation by Shane Weibel (CIHS Shadowbox Project) – Postponed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The current project includes three World War II veterans.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Open Agenda</b></p>	<p><b>Volunteer Hours Tracking</b> Process for tracking volunteer hours for reporting purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer hours are reported quarterly to the state.</li> <li>• Hours include meeting attendance, travel time, event planning, and other volunteer activities.</li> <li>• A shared spreadsheet will be created within the new Google Drive document system to allow members to log hours directly.</li> <li>• Board members were asked to bring their volunteer hours to the next board meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Annual Report</b> The annual report will be prepared in the coming months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair's statement will be prepared before publication.</li> <li>• The report will include updated information about organizational activities, investments, and accomplishments.</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser</b> A spring volleyball tournament fundraiser is being considered again this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event historically raises approximately \$700–\$900.</li> <li>• A tentative date of May 16th was discussed.</li> <li>• The board expressed support for pursuing the event.</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Sponsorship Planning</b> Suggestion for implementing annual sponsorship packages rather than requesting sponsorship for each individual event. This approach may reduce donor fatigue and provide better planning and recognition opportunities for sponsors.</p> <p><b>County Fair Participation</b> Initial discussion was held regarding participation in the Isanti County Fair (July 15–19).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The organization plans to participate again this year.</li> <li>• Setup will likely include the trailer and informational booth.</li> <li>• Volunteer scheduling and trailer logistics will be coordinated closer to the event.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue Star Mothers fundraising dinner and comedy event on April 11 at the Braham Event Center.</li> </ul> <p><b>Backdrop Purchase</b> A request was made to purchase a \$400 8x10 Yellow Ribbon backdrop for event use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Susan</li> <li>• Second: Arlene</li> <li>• Vote taken: Motion carried.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Adam</li> <li>• Second: Susan</li> <li>• Vote taken: Motion carried</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upcoming Board Meetings:</b> <i>(Second Monday 6:00 pm)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. April 13, 2026</li> <li>b. May 11, 2026</li> <li>c. June 8, 2026</li> </ol>

Meeting opened at 06:02 pm

Meeting closed at 07:11 pm