

Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation
Board of Director's Meeting
TVDS Administrative Office, 521 W. 35 Ch Pkwy, Chanute, KS 66720
June 23, 2026

Present: Judy Brigham, Vic Anderson, Sandra Eggers, Joel Porter, Jeff Ports, Shana Forsyth, Lynette Emmerson, Phil Newkirk, Bill Fiscus

Not Present: Mike Hofer, Steve Sewell, Joel Norris, Larry Coleman

Staff Present: Melissa Cannon-Smith, Joe O'Rourke, Lea Chickadonz, Tricia Campbell

1. Call to Order

Chair Judy Brigham called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made to adopt agenda as presented (Joel Porter/Jeff Ports). Motion passed.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from the March 24, 2026 meeting were presented. Motion made to approve minutes as presented (Vic Anderson/Shana Forsyth). Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Lea Chickadonz, VP of Administration, presented the financial report for the period ending May 31, 2026. Motion made to approve the financial report as presented (Sandra Eggers/Jeff). Motion passed.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Programming

Melissa Cannon-Smith, VP of Programming, updated the board on Tri-Valley advocacy efforts, workforce development, and leadership initiatives.

- In June, thirty persons served and seven staff attended the 2026 SACK Conference in Manhattan, KS. This year's theme was "Let's Grow." Tony Allen was elected as the State Treasurer for a two-year term, from 2026 through 2028.
- On May 11th, Tri-Valley received their annual license review. For the 4th year, Tri-Valley received full licenses with no restrictions. Judy had a question about the review process. For 2026, the reviewer focused on supports as outlined in plans.

- In October, an individual from Chanute will be recognized during the 2026 Interhab Conference. Tyler McCoy will receive the Interhab Personal Growth Award. Tyler, his family, and staff are pleased for this recognition.

5.2 Operations Report

Joe O'Rourke, VP of Operations, updated the board on several maintenance and operational concerns.

- Tri-Valley has reached an agreement with the Enterprise Fleet Management. In a few months, Tri-Valley will receive eight new Toyota Sienna Vans. Joe is excited about this opportunity to improve our overall vehicle fleet.
- Soon, there will be a new mobile work crew helping to maintain curb appeal at Tri-Valley properties. The details for the crew are still in development.
- Tomorrow, Metro Appliances out of Wichita will deliver new appliances to Moline. The appliances include washers, dryers, and dishwashers.
- Last week, Joe worked alongside Maintenance Coordinator Neil Kisner to spruce up Tri-Valley Administrative Office's landscaping. The building looked nice when Tri-Valley hosted the Interhab Board of Director's meeting on June 17th.
- The newest KDOT bus has arrived.
- In April, Service Centers in Fort Scott and Neodesha were hit by hail. In Neodesha, five of Tri-Valley's vehicles were damaged by hail. In Fort Scott, the Greenhouse saw significant damage. The appraiser has visited both sites.
- The state fire marshal's office has begun their annual review of sites. They have visited all sites except for those in Fort Scott and Iola.
- Our next big project is roof replacements in Fort Scott and Neodesha. Both roofs should be completed in the next four to six months.

5.3 Administration

Lea Chickadonz, VP of Administration, updated the board on recent Administrative issues.

- Last week, representatives from HUD were in Chanute and Moline for the annual review of Elk County Development Corporation. There were just a few items – majority were issues from past years. The issues were mostly minor, such as a missing signature.

5.4 CEO Report

Bill Fiscus, CEO, updated the board on recent legislative activity as well as vacancies in Foundation homes.

- During the past legislative session, Interhab agencies lobbied the state for a 10% rate increase. The state legislature approved a 6% rate increase for 2027 and a 4% rate increase for 2028.

- Tricia Campbell informed the board that former Foundation Board Member and Tri-Valley staff Mary Davis has passed away.

6. Old Business

6.1 Fundraiser Update

Tricia Campbell, Special Projects Coordinator, provided an update to the board for 2026 fundraisers.

- On May 1st, the Foundation held its annual fundraiser, Boardwalk BBQ, at the SEK Impact Center. One hundred and seventy-seven tickets were sold. The event brought in \$20,409 in income and \$5,25.25 in expenses for a net income of \$14,841.75. Dave Petersen served as master of ceremony with Larry Holman offering his photography skills. Robbie Bell provided the evening's entertainment. Table décor was courtesy of Lisa Wolverton and Hitch and Hoedown Rentals. Between the three auctions, guests had their chance to bid on 114 items. Dinner was catered by Mark Hall with dessert provided by Brenda Harrison. For the first time, a bidding software was used during the evening to mixed results. While there were benefits to the back-end features for staff, the online bidding had a few bugs. Those who attended felt the online bidding affected the more social aspects of the event. Staff will look at options available to improve the bidding process. Overall, the evening was a success.
- The 26th Annual Truck Raffle Drawing is moving along nicely. So far, we have received 1,263 entries, a little below last year's number. The drawing will be held on Friday, June 26th. The drawing is now making a profit – as of today the Foundation has made \$5,600. Entries will continue to be accepted up until the time of drawing. Tyler McCoy has agreed to draw the winning ticket. He is excited. Joel suggested that in the future the prize be showcased at different locales and businesses.
- Upcoming golf tournaments are as follows:
 - June 27th – Fredonia – So far, we have ten teams, twelve-hole sponsors, four corporate sponsors, and four door prize sponsors.
 - August 1st – Erie – At this time, we have four teams signed up as well as two-hole sponsors, and one corporate sponsor.
 - September 12th – Fort Scott.

6.2 Policy Approval

During the March meeting, board members reviewed and tabled Board 8 (Public Comment). Bill conferred with Kurt Kluin regarding the time limit for guests. The board has the power to impose time limits for guest speakers. If necessary, it is

within the board's discretion to increase time limits. Motion made to approve Board Policy 8 (Public Comment) (Jeff/Joel). Motion passed.

6.3 Sale of Land

During the March meeting, the Board tabled a decision for selling lots in Osa Martin Heights. Bill contacted City Manager Todd Newman. The City was interested with swapping lots. Currently, the city only has two lots that would suit these purposes and they are located in the vicinity of Denman. Thus, these lots would not work per Final Rule. The city council is in the process of extending utilities to a new area. Once we are ready to build, the city is willing to work with us on lots in the new area. There is a possible need for housing in Chanute.

7. New Business

7.1 Fort Scott Housing

During the March meeting, there was discussion on the need to purchase a home in Fort Scott. Container home was discussed as an option. Joe checked with the City of Fort Scott and discovered that they do not allow container homes within city limits. Since the last meeting, staff have found a potential home in Fort Scott. Inspection is set for Monday. There are a few visual issues such as the windows, roof and asbestos siding. The home does have a new furnace and a/c. Motion made that the Foundation move forward with purchasing the home at 28 N. Washington in Fort Scott for \$53,500 contingent on the home inspection (Jeff/Joel). Motion passed.

7.2 Rent

Bill presented the Foundation Board with a cost analysis of rent for the Foundation homes. Motion made to increase Foundation rent in the amount of \$25 based upon SSI updates from \$425 to \$450 to go into effect on August 1st (Joel/Vic). Motion passed.

7.3 FY2027 Budget

Bill presented the FY2027 budget. Motion made to approve FY2027 budget as presented (Sandra/Jeff). Motion passed.

7.4 FY2027 Board Officers

The board has thirteen openings – all counties apart from Woodson County have at least one opening. Mike Reid is no longer able to serve on the board for Neosho County. Following a brief discussion, the current slate of officers agreed to remain in office. Motion made to elect the current slate of officers (Chair Judy Brigham, Vice

Chair Mike Hofer, Secretary Sandra Eggers, and Treasurer Vic Anderson) for FY2027 year (Jeff/Vic). Motion passed.

8. Board Member Reports

None

9. Acceptance of All Donations

For the period between March 1st through May 31st, the Foundation received \$44,094 in donations. Motion made to accept donations in the amount of \$44,094 (Vic/Sandra). Motion passed.

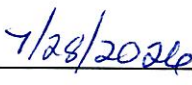
10. Announcements

- The next board meeting will be September 22, 2026.

11. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting (Joel/Jeff). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

 
Sandra Eggers, Secretary Date