



Village of Rantoul Human Relations Committee

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Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Call to Order

- Staff Liaison – Debbie Sage

Roll Call of Members

- Present: Jeremy Dixon, Niki Pettit, Larissa Smith, Tracy Williams, Atha Winston, Dave Wesner, Debbie Sage
- Absent: Nelson Cuevas, Lorena Griffin

Public Participation

- None

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- February 14, 2025
 - Niki Pettit – 1st
 - Jeremy Dixon – 2nd
 - Minutes were approved as long as Niki Pettit's name was corrected

Items from Members

- Committee Member Introductions
 - Jeremy Dixon, Tracy Williams, Larissa Smith, Niki Pettit, Atha Winston, Dave Wesner, and Debbie Sage
- Chairperson Selection
 - Went over the duties of a Chairperson
 - Went over the duties of a Vice-Chairperson
 - The committee doesn't need to select a Vice-Chairperson if they don't want to, but if the Chairperson is not at the meeting, then before the meeting a Vice-Chairperson will need to be selected
 - All committee members were in agreeance to hold off selecting a Chairperson and would like to move forward at the next meeting to also selecting a Vice-Chairperson
 - Committee members thought it would be easier to just go a head and select a Vice-Chairperson instead of waiting the night of the meeting to select one, this way it will not hold up the meeting

- Committee also talked about having a Secretary, it was mentioned that in the past the Secretary was the Village of Rantoul liaison. The committee members were in agreeance to keep that the same.

Items to be Reviewed

- Committee Bylaws / Rules of Procedure
 - Special Meetings
 - Asked Dave Wesner, which one that we would need to go off of if there was a special meeting because in the Bylaws it states that the meetings maybe called by the Chair, or by any two members of the Committee and in the Resolution, it states that it can be called by the Chairperson or any three members
 - This item should be reviewed and updated by the Committee
 - Dave Wesner, Attorney, went over some of the Bylaws / Rules about committee meetings
 - Talked about possible setting up a regular meeting schedule, this will be moved for a more in-depth discussion on the next meeting
- Resolution 03-21-1329
- Suggestions for informing the Village about the purpose and vision of HRC
 - Committee members talked about possible doing some advertising at the Youth Center, Churches, Community Center, Village of Rantoul social media, and speaking at the board meeting
 - Committee talked about educating the community and what happens when there is a discrimination?
 - There are three areas of complaints/levels and it can stay here or go to the state
- Other Items
 - Asked about term dates and if they will be staggered and who decides them?
 - Debbie stated that she would speak to the Mayor on this item
 - Committee would like to see the brochure that we currently have and possible re-vamp it
 - Committee would possible like to see past meeting minutes to review them
 - Asked if there was any funding available for this Committee
 - Debbie stated that she would speak to Village Administrator / Mayor to find out
 - Talked about the next meeting
 - Debbie will send out a google survey with a few different dates and times to select, the one with the most selection will be the date

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
 - Niki Pettit – 1st
 - Tracy Williams – 2nd