

MEETING MINUTES

Date Sept 1, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm (Town Council Chambers)

CALL TO ORDER: Cindee called meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

- Claresholm and District FCSS Board of Directors
- General Meeting
- In attendance: Director Barbara Bell, Councilor Kandice Meister, Councilor Earl Hemmaway, Cindee Schlossberger, Delma Austin, Vanessa McKenzie, and Lisa Anderson (Writer)
- Regrets: Councilor Diana Ross

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Vanessa moved adoption of agenda. AIF

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Lisa moved adoption of the minutes from Monday June 2nd, 2025. AIF

CORRESPONDENCE: See attached *FCSSAA Newsletters June, July and August, Advocacy Bulletin, Key Messages, Member Survey Report, President Nomination Package*.

Notable mention is that the new President has already met with the Minister several times. The Advocacy Bulletin comes out 2x a year.

Key Messages – FCSS cornerstone is focusing on prevention.

Member Survey Report displayed valuable information across all FCSS chapters. It illustrated that all FCSS chapters are experiencing similar issues; housing and economic.

The President Nomination Package is available for all board members who would like to apply for President position. Electing a new President in November.

REPORTS: See detailed staff reports included in the Board Package for Director, Outreach, Seniors Services, Granum, and the Monthly Resource Log. Notable mentions below.

Outreach – The Transportation Society Grant is permanently closed. Outreach continues with many programs, and lots of paperwork and forms being completed for clients. T

Volunteer Resource Fair is September 11, 2025.

Senior Services – Sheryl has continued talks at The Cottonwood, Seniors Shredding was a success.

Director's Report – Super Busy!

Month End Report – FCSS continues to do 5-6 tax returns per day. Housing issues and government form assistance and completion are still high.

NEW BUSINESS: FCSS By-Law; Earl referenced Section 4.1 to have a member at large from Granum on the Board of Directors.

Bimonthly meetings were voted on; 4 were for keeping it monthly. This By-Law will be presented to council for review.

Housing Report – for review. Barb has already gone to council as a delegation, to be discussed at next meeting.

Community Access Program (CAP) – Program based on income and assistance in social prescribing costs, especially items that families can do as a unit together.

OTHER BUSINESS: Death Café; Barb would like to try one in October; it is a gathering of people to discuss and be comfortable with discussing death. This is not a grief support group but a conversation amongst individuals re: thoughts on death and dying.

AISH Info – Federal government has increased AISH benefit up to \$200. The Provincial government has decreased the AISH benefit by up to \$200.

Christmas Hours – In 2024, FCSS took the interval between Christmas and New Year's OFF. Provincial organizations are also closed at that time. The Board of Directors had no issue with FCSS employees doing the same this year. Barb will take it to council.

NEXT MEETING: TBA @ 6:00 PM Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: Diane moved to adjourn at 7:34 PM.

	Date	Signature
Chair Approval	<u>Nov 3, 2025</u>	<u>Diane Schlesinger</u>
Director Approval	<u>Nov. 3, 2025</u>	<u>Barbara Bell</u>