

**Cedar Valley-Nauvoo USA Mission Center
Annual Conference Minutes – October 19, 2025
@ Cedar Valley Grove Campground**

100: WELCOME

- a. Robin Linkhart, Interim Mission Center President, welcomed the body, shared a video from World Church, and distributed a hardcopy of *Resolution 903-Camp Nauvoo Loan Forgiveness* that was submitted before 8:00 AM.
- b. President Linkhart introduced Apostle Matt Frizzell who shared greetings from World Church.
- c. President Linkhart welcomed Doug McFarlane to the podium to share the prayer of blessing.

200: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS & PRE-LEGISLATIVE REMARKS

- a. Evelyn Dustin, Co-Mission Center President, assumed the chair and shared special recognitions for Pat Reaves, Mission Center Invitation Support Ministries, Kent LeVan, former Mission Center President and Financial Officer, and Gayla Burgess, Mission Center Administrative Assistant/ Historian/ Recorder/ Webmaster. Robert Cook shared words of thanks to Kent LeVan, Pat Reaves, Rex Sandidge, and Gayla Burgess.
- b. President Dustin recognized Carolyn Otis, Roger Reid, and Anita Zahniser for the many years of service they have provided to Cedar Valley Grove Campground.
- c. President Linkhart assumed the chair and shared pre-legislative instructions on making motions and statements during the conference.

300: CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF STANDING RULES (*67 present; 2/3 vote = 45*)

- a. President Linkhart called the conference to order at 1:54 PM.
- b. President Linkhart reminded the body that the Standing Rules require annual approval as they only apply to the conference for which they are approved. President Dustin assumed the chair and read the Standing Orders.
- c. President Linkhart assumed the chair and requested a motion to approve the Standing Orders as presented. Motion by George Barber, second by Roger Reid. Discussion: Deb Wykert shared a request that all conferences allow for attendance and vote either in-person or by online attendance. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.

400: APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY

- a. President Linkhart shared that Gayla Burgess agreed to serve as conference secretary and called for a motion to approve. Motion by Dawn Durgin, second by Linda Hardy. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.

500: APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE MINUTES

- a. President Linkhart called for a motion to approve the 2024 conference minutes as presented. Motion by Diane Mayfield, second by Rex Sandidge. Discussion: Julie Parrott noted that Mark Parrott's name was misspelled on page 8. Vote taken to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.
- b. President Linkhart called for a motion to approve the 2024 financial conference minutes. Motion by Todd Batey, second by Pat Reaves. No discussion received. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.

600: APPROVAL OF 2026 MISSION CENTER LEADERSHIP

- a. President Linkhart relinquished the chair to Apostle Matt Frizzell.
- b. Apostle Frizzell read a letter from World Church sustaining Robin Linkhart and Evelyn Dustin as the Mission Center President Team and called for a motion to approve. Motion by Julie Parrott, second by Todd Batey. No discussion received. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.

- c. Apostle Frizzell read a letter from World Church sustaining Denise White as Mission Center Financial Officer and called for a motion to approve. Motion by Susan McFarlane, second by Paul Lindburg. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.
- d. Apostle Frizzell read a letter from President Linkhart sustaining Robert Cook as Mission Center Assistant Financial Officer and called for a motion to approve. Motion by Paul Lindburg, second by Doug McFarlane. No discussion received. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.
- e. President Linkhart assumed the chair and called for a motion to approve the Mission Center Council as presented. Motion by David Swift, second by Diane Mayfield. No discussion received. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.

700: ELECTION OF CAMPGROUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. President Linkhart stated that Mark Parrott and John Saur completed their terms and Reed Hoke resigned his remaining term; resulting in 1 two-year term and 2 three-year terms needing to be filled.
- b. President Linkhart requested nominations. Todd Batey nominated John Saur for the two-year term and Lori Klockau and Robert Cook for the three-year terms. Gaelane Rosinski nominated Deb Wykert for a three-year term.
- c. President Linkhart called for a vote to approve John Saur for the 2-year term. Vote taken by show of hands; carried.
- d. President Linkhart called for votes for the 2 three-year terms; taking votes for Lori Klockau, Robert Cook, and Deb Wykert. Vote was by show of hands and resulted in Lori receiving 47 votes, Robert receiving 31 votes, and Deb receiving 24 votes. President Linkhart declared that Lori Klockau and Robert Cook were elected to fill the 2 three-year terms.

800: ELECTION OF CEDAR VALLEY GROVE OPERATIONS GROUP

- a. President Linkhart stated that Gaelane Rosinski and Lisa Webster completed their terms and Lisa Hill resigned her remaining term; resulting in 1 one-year term and 2 three-year terms needing to be filled.
- b. President Linkhart requested nominations. Gaelane Rosinski nominated Kim Tucker for the one-year term and Lisa Webster for a three-year term. Deb Wykert nominated Gaelane Rosinski for a three-year term.
- c. President Linkhart called for a vote to approve Kim Tucker for a one-year term and Lisa Webster and Gaelane Rosinski for three-year terms. Vote by show of hands, carried.

900: ELECTION OF CAMP NAUVOO OPERATIONS GROUP

- a. President Linkhart stated that Brad Bengé and Doug Howell completed their terms; resulting in 2 three-year terms needing to be filled.
- b. President Linkhart requested nominations. Deb Batey nominated Brad Bengé and Doug Howell.
- c. President Linkhart called for a vote to approve Brad Bengé and Doug Howell for the 2 three-year terms. Vote by show of hands, carried.

1000: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 901 (Submission Deadline for Conference Resolutions)

- a. President Linkhart relinquished the chair to President Dustin who read the resolution.
- b. President Linkhart assumed the chair and asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Motion by Paul Lindburg, second by Todd Batey.
- c. Discussion:
 - Myra Elliott requested clarification on the process of setting the 2-week deadline date if the conference date changes. President Linkhart clarified that if the date of conference were to change, the 2-week submission deadline would change accordingly. President Linkhart also shared that the 2026 conference weekend would be held October 24-26 at Camp Nauvoo.
 - Pat Reaves shared that the pre-legislative discussion that historically occurred prior to calling the conferences to order OR that were offered in-person or online the week prior conference were appreciated and requested for this to continue. President Linkhart reported that for this

year's conference there were two informational prep sessions hosted via ZOOM the week prior to conference.

- Lori Klockau requested clarification on whether the resolution would go into effect for the current conference or future conferences if approved. President Linkhart clarified it would be in effect beginning with the 2026 conference.
- Scott Gelande moved to amend the resolution to include, "The mission center is required to hold informational sessions/townhall meetings online and/or in-person at least 30 days prior to the mission center conference legislative session." Second by Lori Klockau. Vote by show of hands resulted in 20 for the amendment to the motion and 25 against. Motion to amend the resolution failed.
- President Linkhart called for additional discussion of the original motion to approve Resolution 901 as presented. No further discussion was received. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.

President Linkhart called for a 15-minute break.

1100: PRE-LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION

President Linkhart assumed the chair and called the conference back to order at 3:05 PM. A reminder was shared that the body reconvened into pre-legislative session to ask questions for informational purposes on the remaining agenda items.

- a. Discussion on Resolution 903: Camp Nauvoo Loan Forgiveness
 1. George Barber requested clarification on where the monies would be reflected in the budgets.
 2. President Linkhart clarified that Camp Nauvoo has the funds and if the resolution was approved it would be budget-neutral and would erase \$10,000 of the principal balance due on the loan received from the mission center.
 3. Myra Elliott requested clarification on the term "budget-neutral". President Linkhart shared that the funds would appear in the mission center budget balance sheet as receivables (funds owed in loans) and the Camp Nauvoo budget balance sheet as liabilities (funds owed in loans). If the resolution is approved the amount due listed on CVNMC balance sheet will be reduced by a total of \$10,000 and CN. Balance sheet liabilities in loans owed will be reduced by a total of \$10,000. Neither of these amounts would show on the annual operating budget. Only on the balance sheet statement of accounts.
 4. Lisa Webster spoke against the resolution stating that the original intent of both campgrounds receiving money from the mission center annually was until they became self-sufficient. Since Camp Nauvoo became self-sufficient, they no longer received the funding so the loan should not be forgiven. President Linkhart called the comment out of order and clarified it should be presented as a point of discussion during the motion for approval of the resolution.
- b. Discussion on Resolution 902: Ensuring Future Camping Ministries at Cedar Valley Grove Campground
 1. Bruce Hagge asked if there would be any discussion on listing price if the resolution passes and if July rent would be paid from the proceeds. President Linkhart called the comment out of order and clarified it should be presented as a point of discussion during the motion for approval of the resolution.

President Linkhart suspended the pre-legislative session at 3:10 PM and invited John Saur to lead the body in a prayer of blessing. John led the body in a "Breathe In / Breathe Out" video and active prayer.

President Linkhart called the conference back to legislative session at 3:17 PM.

1200: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 902 (Ensuring Future Camping Ministries at CVG)

- a. President Dustin assumed the chair and read the motion.
- b. President Linkhart assumed the chair and requested a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Motion by Todd Batey, second by Roger Reid.

c. Discussion:

- Lori Klockau requested clarification on whether the resolution meant that the youth camps would only be hosted at CVG and only through the year 2026. President Linkhart clarified that if the resolution was passed the next step would be the listing of the grounds with the goal to develop a partnership with the buyer to continue all current camping programs at both campgrounds and that the mission center would cover funding for the grounds until the sale is complete and then would be reimbursed out of the net profit from the sale.
- Gaelane Rosinski asked if the net proceeds from the sale would remain 100% with the mission center. President Linkhart stated that if the resolution passes, Denise White (MC Financial Officer) would request permission from the Presiding Bishopric to sell CVG. Later, a plan will be submitted for the use of the net proceeds which the Presiding Bishopric will need to approve. It was further clarified that the MC President Team would participate in discussion with World Church about the use of the net proceeds and the missional need to retain 100% with the mission center to support all camping ministries throughout the mission center. President Linkhart further clarified that 100% retention was not guaranteed, but is the goal.
- Myra Elliott requested clarification on the phrase, "long-term". President Linkhart stated that the goal is to build a partnership with the buyer and that discussion still needs to occur on the specific terms that would be negotiated that would benefit the feasibility of the mission center camping program at CVG. It was further clarified that the MC President Team, Campground Board of Directors, and CVG Operations Group would work together to design the negotiated terms of the partnership.
- President Linkhart relinquished the chair to Scott Gelande who provided an overview of the development of Resolution 902, that was put together by the Campground Board of Directors and the MC President Team. The presentation included goals of the resolution, reasoning for the resolution, and a review of CVG funds. Scott also reported he did a preliminary contact with Whitetail Properties and they estimated that CVG is worth approximately 1.2 million and that a partnership design as described in Resolution 902 is a possibility.
- Diane Poplett shared that profit from camping events held at CVG historically went back to the campground.
- Deb Wykert asked if 100% of the net proceeds would remain with CVG camping programs and what would happen if no partnership could be agreed to. President Linkhart stated that the goal is to retain 100% of the net proceeds to support the mission center camping ministries and that if no partnership could be agreed to the grounds would still be sold and that the resolution states the mission center would be kept advised throughout the process.
- Dennis LaRoque stated he had mixed feelings about the resolution and was initially leaning toward the best course of action to sell the grounds without an agreement to lease the month of July to the mission center, and move all camping programs to Camp Nauvoo. But, after hearing the discussion and Scott's presentation, is willing to support giving a partnership program a try.
- Bev Lindburg requested information on the realtor's commission and legal fees that would occur due to the sale of the property. President Linkhart stated that these items were unknown but had already been taken into consideration that they would occur.
- Paul Lindburg called the original motion and stated a contract with definite specifics would be needed to ensure the partnership with the buyer covers the MC camping program needs.
- President Linkhart called for a vote on the resolution as presented. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.

President Linkhart asked John Saur to bring a moment of blessing.

1300: APPROVAL OF 2026 PROPOSED BUDGETS

- a. President Linkhart called for a motion to approve the Camp Nauvoo 2026 budget as presented. Motion by George Barber, second by Todd Batey. No discussion received. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.
- b. President Linkhart called for a motion to approve the CVG 2026 budget as presented. Motion by Cathy Reeves, second by David Swift. No discussion received. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.
- c. President Linkhart called for a motion to approve the Mission Center 2026 budget as presented. Motion by Dawn Durgin, second by Julie Parrott. No discussion received. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.

1400: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 903 (Camp Nauvoo Loan Forgiveness)

Resolution submitted by the Camp Nauvoo Operations Group 10/19/25:

Whereas, Camp Nauvoo has not received financial support for a number of years from Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center; **Therefore, be it resolved**, that an amount of \$5,000 be forgiven for the years 2025 and 2026 on a loan that was previously given to Camp Nauvoo by the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center.

- a. President Linkhart read the resolution and called for a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Motion by Deb Batey, second by Paul Lindburg.
- b. Discussion:
 - Brad Bengé spoke to the motion stating that the interest being paid on the loan was approximately \$5,000 annually, so the resolution would result in a break-even set up.
 - Bruce Hagge requested clarification to the total amount to be forgiven. President Linkhart stated the total would be \$10,000; with \$5,000 to be forgiven in 2025 and \$5,000 forgiven in 2026.
 - Rex Sandidge asked which of the two loans Camp Nauvoo has with the mission center would the forgiveness apply. Deb Batey, Camp Nauvoo Operations Chair, clarified it could go to either.
 - Lisa Webster spoke against the resolution stating that the original intent of both campgrounds receiving money from the mission center annually was until they became self-sufficient. Since Camp Nauvoo became self-sufficient, they no longer received the funding so the loan should not be forgiven.
 - Brad Bengé clarified that the decision to not request the annual \$5,000 support from the mission center was made by the Camp Nauvoo Operations Group, not by the mission center.
 - Comment was shared that per the Camp Nauvoo budget report, the grounds have run in a deficit for at least two years, so the grounds are in need of the support from the mission center.
- c. President Linkhart called for the vote. Vote by show of hands, carried.

1500: ADJOURNMENT: President Linkhart called for a motion to adjourn at 4:15 PM. Motion by George Barber, second by Myra Elliot. No discussion. Vote by show of hands. Motion carried.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:
Gayla Burgess, Conference Secretary
10-20-25*