

TO THE RESIDENTS OF MEEKER COUNTY

For some time, we have been concerned about the stress and anguish caused by the board meetings here at the Dassel Apartments, also known as HRA apartments. Board meetings were always peaceful until Amy Wilde and Wally Strand became members of this board. It causes conflicts between the board members who work for the benefit of the HRA, its residents and affordable ^{housing} ~~Wilde~~'s and Strand's interests are interests of the county.

Because of the conflicts between board members, three HUD U. S. Housing Urban Development, officials came to a board meeting to observe. The issue of large amounts of HRA funds being spent frivolously on legal fees came up. The HUD officials gave explicit orders that no legal fees were to be paid unless the lawyer explained what each charge was for and if it was determined to be for county information or the HRA. Even the other board members who support the HRA do not know ^{what} it is about. Strand and Wilde still insist on paying the lawyer which now totals almost 12,000 and there is no explanation on the bills.

In fact, before the officials left, they told some of our people they had never seen such a dysfunctional board.

I am tired of reading the lies in the local papers directed at our executive director and the residents here. Our executive director, Sandy Tischer is honest, responsible and an asset. When Tischer arrived here, the apartment complex needed many repairs and capital improvements and the four houses in Cosmos and the four houses in Grove City owned by HRA needed many repairs. We are able to pay our operating expenses with what income we receive and our bottom line is in the black. The apartment complex and houses owned by the HRA increased considerably in value during her management. Tischer was able to get a large grant to pay for all the capital improvements and repairs.

Ms Tischer treats all residents with kindness and respect. Yet I have never seen anyone in a position as executive director and doing a superb job treated with such disrespect and criticism by our board members, Wilde and Strand. The U. S. Housing Urban Development gave Sandy Tischer a rating of 100 per cent plus on all areas of her work.

Amy Wilde is the board secretary and her minutes are never what happened ^a at a meeting. She adds what she wants said and even if its quote, she will add to a quote to cut down our executive director, and leave out what was a part of the minutes.

The chair of the board, Wally Strand sometimes if the meeting is going against his wishes will leave in a fit of anger not finishing the meeting.

After Strand and Wilde checked bank statements, the minutes of the meetings, since Tischer came here, the Bylaws, the statutes and etc with the help of a lawyer and could not find anything that she had done wrong they have to invent a reason to fire her. So now it is she does not cooperate and she is paid too much money, misquoting what she gets paid,

Evidently Wilde does not understand the difference if you get paid as an employee or a contractor.

We residents are tired of the tactics and the illegalities of the two county commissioners on the board who do not have an interest in serving the residents and the HRA. Their goals have always been to remove our executive director and to merge with the bankrupt EDA. There is no reason that justifies their wish to remove our executive director. The merge with the EDA does not benefit the HRA. It would be a liability to our financial situation.

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