

The Waynesville ABC Board held their regular scheduled meeting on May 19, 2026, at the office. Present at the meeting were Danny Wingate, Ray Ezell, John Sears (by phone), Kathy Smith, Nece Hedges, and Mark Strugnell. Chairman Wingate called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

There was no conflict of interest with the items on the agenda. The minutes from the February meeting were approved by Kathy and Ray.

The finance officer gave the following sales report.

April 2026	April 2025
Liquor Sales...\$292,727.40	Liquor Sales...\$340,037.75
Mixed Beverage Sales...\$83,551.89	Mixed Beverage Sales...\$104,850.44
Wine Sales...\$866.00	Wine Sales...\$801.50
Total...\$377,145.29	Total...\$445,689.69

There was a sales decrease of 15.38% in April 2026 compared to April 2025.

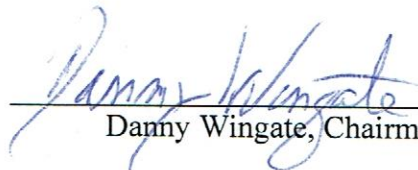
The financial statements were reviewed by the board.

Libby Ray, the Prevention Service Manager for Mountain Projects, came and spoke with the board about the ways they are teaming with the Waynesville ABC Store on youth alcohol prevention, including: stickering bags reminding customers not to buy for underage persons, offering free bottle, fridge, and cabinet locks in the store.

The manager is readjusting the budget to pre-Helene sales levels, with a 5% increase to account for the town's normal growth. Ray suggested a 2.5% increase instead.

The board will adopt the 2026-2027 annual budget at the next board meeting in June. The manager placed a public notice ad in the local paper for the June board meeting.

At the conclusion of their regular scheduled meeting, Danny moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.; the motion carried.



Danny Wingate, Chairman

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