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A Non-Profit Countywide Economic Development Corp

Full Board Meeting Minutes

1/3/2018

Sidney Health Center

Randy Olson brought the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Board members present were: Leif Anderson, Craig Averett, Pam Burman, Tami Christensen, Walt McNutt, Randy Olson, Vanessa Pooch, Mark Rehbein, Gary Schoepp, Alan Seigfreid, Jackie Washechek, Leslie Messer and Katie Dasinger. Members absent were: Bryce Baker, Jason Brothorn, Chip Gifford, Bill Henderson, Blaine Rogers, Cami Skinner, and Don Steinbeisser.

Craig moved to accept the past minutes, Vanessa seconded. Approved.

Financial Reports: The membership drive is in full swing which is visible in the financial report. There were no out of the ordinary bills for the month of December. The RLF CDs were renewed on Jan 1 for Dec 31st so are not reflected yet.

Tami moved to approve all financials. Jackie Seconded. Approved.

Confidentiality contracts: Contracts were handed out at the meeting. REDC prides itself on being a safe place for businesses to come with ideas without worrying about it going anywhere else. We thank our board members for your continued cooperation in this.

Changing of the guards: Randy conducted the meeting as President of REDC.

Membership Drive: The membership drive is well underway.

SYP Cold Weather Drive: SYP hosted its cold weather gear drive event at the Meadowlark in December. SYP partnered with Nick Lonski and Lauren Sukut of Edward Jones to host this event. Lauren came and gave a quick, but very informative presentation about early retirement investing. SYP has left the collection bins up for the first week of the year to try to make sure everyone has time to get their donations there! In January, SYP will be hosting a "Night at the Museum" where there is an option for a mercury glass art class or a scavenger hunt around the MonDak! We are looking forward to introducing members to another great resource in our community.

Open Discussion:

- City Report:
 - Alton Hillesland has officially retired and the new building inspector is out of Great Falls. Permits are down in general
 - Phase II of the lagoon is almost complete. Phase III will begin soon
 - There are openings on both the planning board and the parks and rec board

- Tami was re-elected as president of the council
- Snow removal is down this year
- MDU will be changing all street lights to LED lights so please be aware of crews and changes.
- The City has rehired their City Attorney out of Great Falls
- The City is currently looking for a new fire marshal after Bob Gilbert retired
- No County Report
- A hearing date for the LYIP injunction has been set for Monday March 5th with the 9th Circuit Court in Portland Oregon
- The Busch Ag facility is for sale. Leslie has been in contact with some people concerning the sale. She will keep the board appraised.
- The Montana Department of Transportation did an Economic Impact Study on the Airport in 2016 and it found that the airport is responsible for \$11,000,000.00 annually. Please contact the office if you would like to see the study.
- Leslie and Tami will be gone 1/8-1/11 for Business Days at the Capital
- Chamber is fully staffed and excited about the year to come. Susan and Madina have done a great job with getting the books in order and the office running in the black. Jeremy Norby will take over as the President in January. Their annual meeting is set for Monday, January 15th. Tickets are still available at the Chamber office.
- Sidney Sugars:
 - All long hauls are done
 - SS LOVES the cold weather for the beets!
 - Had a storage specialist come and look at piles and they are doing great. The weather should allow for all ventilated piles to be sliced at once for the first time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 AM

Next Full Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 2018

Next Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 30th, 2018