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A Non-Profit Countywide Economic Development Corp

Full Board Meeting Minutes

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Sidney Health Center

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

Mark moved to accept the past minutes, Alan seconded. Approved.

Financial Reports: The membership dues continue to come in. We are in good standing right now in terms of our budget. The only check that was different than normal was one that was used to reimburse the RLF when a check was accidentally deposited in REDC instead.

Bryce moved to approve all financials. Cami Seconded. Approved.

Yellowstone Disposal: The REDC office was contacted about taking a stance on the proposed disposal. However, after asking for board input, it was felt that the best course of action from REDC was to be an information center. So Leslie distributed informational emails to members that explained the public comment process. The Sidney Chamber is also providing informational support as well.

LYIP: The LYIP has two very important dates coming up. The first is on March 5th. LYIP and the Army Corp will be arguing to lift the injunction from last fall for the 9th circuit court. The process there is dramatically different from the ones we are familiar with in Great Falls. Each case has 40 minutes to present. Due to the limited time, attendance in mass numbers will not be as impactful. Then on April 19th, Judge Morris is set to make his summary judgement. It is IMPERATIVE that community members flood the court room. REDC will be putting together information about the bus trip in the near future.

Sidney Chamber Communications: The relationship between the Sidney Chamber and REDC remain strong and our office could not be more pleased. On this note, on March 12th the executive boards from both organizations will be having a joint meeting to discuss the status quo as well as projects and ideas that could be collaborated on in the future.

990 Income Tax Preparations: Leslie worked diligently to complete the paperwork for CHMS accountant Tara Hill so that she could prepare and e-file our 990 Income Taxes before 2/15/18. The Executive Board was sent the return in advance of signature. They will be filed today and a hard copy will be available at the REDC office. Leslie also put together the filing for the Secretary of State office. It was completed and submitted last week.

Leadership Montana: Leslie is excited to announce that Leadership Montana will be returning to Sidney on March 14-16. Leslie, along with fellow Leadership MT alumni Paula Eberling, Kelly Reising and Cami Skinner have been working hard to create memorable experience here in Sidney. Some of the highlights include a tour of Sidney Sugars and ONEOK along with multiple exciting panels. Leslie would also like to invite REDC board directors to a reception on 3/15 at the Heritage Center. Reminders will be sent!

SYP Update:

- In January SYP hosted their “Night at the Museum” event. Members participated in an art class as well as a scavenger hunt to learn more about the Heritage Center AND Richland County
- In January, SYP partnered with Sidney Kiwanis to host a “Town Hall” meeting with Senator John Tester in Sidney
- In January, SYP hosted their second “Game Night” event at the TapHouse
- In February, SYP hosted a “Coffee and Conversations” with Senate Candidates Troy Downing and Matt Rosendale at the Sidney Country Club
- In February, SYP will be hosting their “Behind the Scenes: Behind your Health” event with the Sidney Health Center to highlight all the amazing things offered by our area hospital

Open Discussion:

- City Report: None
- County Report: None

Employee Evaluations: Leslie and Katie were dismissed from the meeting. The board discussed both employees’ annual evaluations. Randy presented the Executive Board’s recommendation to increase Leslie’s salary, as well as Katie’s wages, for their 2017 accomplishments. Craig moved and Alan seconded to approve the recommendations. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 AM

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

Next Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 27th, 2018