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Full Board Meeting Minutes

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Sidney Health Center

Randy Olson brought the meeting to order at 6:41 AM. Board members present were: Leif Anderson, Craig Averett, Bryce Baker, Jason Brothen, Pam Burman, Tami Christensen, Bill Henderson, Walt McNutt, Randy Olson, Blaine Rogers, Gary Schoepp, Alan Seigfreid, Don Steinbeisser, Heather VanGelder, Leslie Messer and Katie Dasinger. Members absent were: Chip Gifford, Shane Gorder, Vanessa Pooch, Mark Rehbein, Cami Skinner and Jackie Washechek.

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

Financial Reports: Leslie provided a general overview of the REDC and RLF financials. There was nothing out of the ordinary in this month's financials. Membership dues are still continuing to trickle in. Leslie also made the board aware of a potential cost to fix a wall port for the printer in the future. No action is happening at this time.

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

REDC One Year Placement: Leif moved to approve Heather VanGelder as one year placement on REDC Board of Directors; Gary seconded. Approved.

LYIP Updates: Our office is moving forward with the bus trip for April 19th. Only about 14 people have signed up to ride, however there has been a steady stream of calls coming into the office of "self-drivers". The 9th circuit has not come out with a decision at this time, and it is the thought that may wait until as close to that 4/19 date as they can.

- There is a marketing firm calling residents to participate in an "intake survey" regarding the pallid sturgeon, where they are blaming the project for killing the fish. Please be aware.

REDC Presentation at Kiwanis: Leslie gave a presentation at Kiwanis at the end of March. She always enjoys doing these types of things and thanks Kiwanis for having her.

Lessons in Leadership- Tuff Harris: Leslie traveled to Billings to help execute an event for Leadership Montana. The event was called "Lessons in Leadership with Tuff Harris". Harris is an ex-NLF player who grew up in Xavier on the Reservation. After his playing time ended, Harris returned to Montana to start the One Heart Warrior program that takes at risk Native students into a program to help them get their lives on track for the next steps in their futures.

Leadership MT Board Retreat: Leslie traveled to Seeley Lake to attend the spring Leadership Montana board retreat. The group has been working on their strategic plan as well as how to absorb One Montana's

youth training program into their curriculum. The board decided their first action with the youth program would be to addressing bullying at the middle school level. Also, at this event, Leslie was nominated to become the Vice Chair in '19, Chair in '20 and past chair in '21. Congratulations!

Joint meeting of EB Chamber and REDC: On March 12th, the Executive Boards from both organizations met to discuss working together. These types of meeting had happened previously but had been discontinued in the past few years. All the directors present were asked to discuss why they severed on boards and their hopes moving forward. Then Leslie and Susan both discussed the projects each group is working on as well as the joint projects that have been happening. It was then decided that these meetings would continue quarterly.

Leadership Montana conference in Sidney: Every other year, Leadership Montana comes to Sidney. This year the event was held March 14-16 on the 3rd floor of Stockman Bank. The class members toured Sidney Sugars and ONEOK. They heard panel discussion from community leadership, small business owners and oil and gas representatives. Thank you to Kelly Reisig, Cami Skinner, Paula Eberling and Katie for their help in making this a great event.

Greenway Dairy Update: The REDC office received confirmation of loan forgiveness from the Montana Department of Commerce this past week. We were happy to aid in this project.

SYP Updates: SYP is in the end stretch for 2017-2018

- In March, SYP hosted their Non-Profit Fair. This year there were be over 25 non-profits represented. The non-profits enjoyed an event that allowed them to network with community members as well as each other.
- In April, SYP will be hosting “Empowered Professionals” which will focus on interpersonal communication in the work place and how to do it effectively.
- In May, SYP will be hosting a family friendly picnic and a candidate round table both of which will be open to the public with more details to follow.

City Report:

- City is looking for a new pool manager
- They have started looking at new water rates for the coming year
- Phase III of the lagoon is in the works
- City will be donating all the fees for the BGCRC building remodel
- The decision has been made to use the gas tax revenue to replace / repair all curbing in the city

County Report:

- Please make sure to attend the irrigation project hearing
- Will be attending the next meeting to assess the redistribution of the oil and gas revenue

Open Discussion:

- JC Penny’s in in the process of removing their asbestos
- It has been a long winter for the airport, but their new snow removal equipment has been fantastic!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 AM

Next Full Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018

Next Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 24th, 2018