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## Full Board Meeting Minutes

6/6/2018

*Sidney Health Center*

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

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

**Financial Reports:** Leslie reported that the yearly totals are coming along. Leslie also drew attention to the RLF account as we had a loan paid off in full so the amount available has increased dramatically!

Mark moved to approve all financials. Walt Seconded. Approved.

**Membership Dues (second half) sent out:** Leslie informed the board that 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of membership dues has been sent out. Along with those, reminder letters were sent to some of the members who haven't joined from December.

**City Invoiced for 2019 contribution:** After speaking with Mayor Norby, Leslie submitted a membership invoice to the City on May 4<sup>th</sup> for their full contribution.

**LMT Tri-State Summit:** In May, Leslie traveled to Bozeman to take part in the second Tri-State summit. The summit brings together executive board directors and executive directors from South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming state leadership programs. It is a time for the groups to come together to discuss changes and improvements within their organizations as well as bounce ideas off each other to help each program flourish to its full potential. As always, it was a wonderful summit.

**Senator Steve Daines' Energy Summit May 30-31:** Leslie and Katie traveled to Billings to attend the second Energy Summit hosted by Senator Daines. There were about 250 people in attendance along with an incredible line up of speakers. The event covered topics ranging from coal production, to energy exportation, along with CO2 oil recovery and permitting process issues. The highlight was hearing from Continental Founder and CEO Harold Hamm. Thank you for the opportunity to attend.

**Airport Opportunity:** At the end of March, Leslie wrote a letter of support for a company looking at the Sidney Airport. The letter was then passed to the airport board and then onto the planning group. We have not heard anything; however, Leslie does have a call into the Governor's Office of Economic Development to follow up!

### **SYP Updates:**

- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, SYP held their Picnic in the Park. We had about 20 people come out with their spouses and children! It was a great way to wrap up a fantastic second year.
- On May 14<sup>th</sup>, SYP held a Candidate Roundtable. All of the feedback on the event was fantastic as the event allowed people to have one-one conversations with all of the candidates running for local office in Richland County! We were pleased to be able to offer the event to the community.
- In May, Katie and Vanessa went to Williston to meet with the Williston Young Professionals. It was a great trip where the groups were able to bounce ideas off each other as well as discussing the possibility of a few joint events in the months to come.

**Copier replacement:** The dinosaur copier/printer is dying! The machine is so old it is no longer serviceable and has become sketchy about doing its job! Leslie has reached out to BOSS to come up with different options. The board has asked Leslie to look into a color copier as well as just the black and white one and then to email both the REDC. Once a decision and direction has been reached, Leslie will reach out to the RLF board; since the RLF has traditionally helped to split costs like these.

**RLF Payoff:** The Lucky Buckle has decided to liquidate and close its doors forever ☹. They paid off their loan in full last week, so we wish them well on their next adventure and look forward to lending the money to another new business in Richland County.

### **City Report:**

- There have been concerns expressed about dog noise in Sidney
- Phase III of the lagoon went to bid, but the bid was too high so it will be going back out to bid
- The water project on Holly is on hold for a bidding issue
- Swim passes have been selling well, but a sensor is out at the pool and hopefully will be fixed soon.

### **County Report: None**

### **Open Discussion:**

- Sidney Sugars is still not certain what is happening with the plant but hope to know soon.
  - The wind has done some damage on some fields while others are doing well.
- Retail Business trends?
  - Watford and Williston are seeing huge jumps in sales but it has yet to trickle over to our side just yet.
- ONEOK is still hiring, but a lot of the jobs are not in Sidney in terms of the new pipeline expansion.
- The County contacted the office inquiring whether REDC would facilitate an Oil Trade show possibly, next year. Leslie and Katie will have a more in depth conversation with the Commissioners to see what their vision is.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 AM

Next Full Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 11th, 2018

Next Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 26th, 2018