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

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

Financial Reports: Leslie reported that the yearly totals are coming along. The office sent out the second reminders for the June memberships, as well as follow ups to other outstanding members. Leslie also drew attention to the larger than normal mileage cost for she and Katie this past month. Katie also received new name badges with her corrected title.

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

Fair Booth Sign Up: It is that time again! The fair booth sign up was passed around and, as always, we so appreciate your help.

Leadership MT Class of 2019: Leslie was pleased to report that the Leadership Montana Class of 2019 has been selected. The selection committee chose 44 people out of 100 applicants and they feel they have selected a great cross section of leaders for this year's class. Leslie enjoys being able to serve as the chair of this committee!

Entrepreneurs in Office: During June, our office had 3 entrepreneurs stop in for consults. It is always wonderful to be able to help people on their journey. We also received one new membership during these consults.

Fairview Town Meeting: Leslie traveled to Fairview to attend the Town meeting with MDOT to discuss changing the highway through town into a 3 lane. It was an interesting and lively discussion with the ultimate decision made to go to the 3 lane for safety reasons.

Leadership MT Pint Night: Leadership MT had an intern that reached out to breweries across the State in hopes to partner with them for Pint for a Cause nights. 35 responded with a "yes" and one of those was Meadowlark! So Leslie, Cami and Paula all went out to support the event. The idea is that a portion of each drink sold that night is returned to the non-profit. Although Leslie is not sure of the final total, it was a fun event and a big thank you to Meadowlark for participating!

REAL MT presentation: REAL MT is the Rural Education Agriculture and Leadership program. REAL is a 2 year program that focuses on farm and ranch communities, not only in Montana but also internationally. In June, REAL came to Sidney and reached out to our office for a presentation. Leslie gave a general overview of the area as well as oil impacts. One “take away” was that people are still surprised that Sidney is thriving after being marked for “dead” after the decline of oil. Leslie enjoys giving these presentations!

Statewide Mason’s Conference: The 152nd gathering of the Mason’s was held in Sidney last month. Leslie was pleased to welcome them to Sidney along with Mayor Norby and Susan Joy. The event was very well received and we hope they will come back again soon!

Katie as Young Professional Woman of the Year: MEDA sent out requests for nominations for the MTYP so Leslie nominated Katie and she won! Katie was recognized for all her work with the local SYP group.

SYP Updates:

- Katie Attended the Montana Young Professionals Summit in Butte. It was a fantastic event with lots of learning and sharing of ideas and networks across the State. Katie is looking forward to working with the SYP board to create a pitch to get the Summit to Sidney in 2020.
- SYP will be reducing the number of events from monthly to every other month this year. Stay tuned for more information.

City Report:

- The nuisance ordinance is still being worked on.
- The Splash Deck pump at the pool is dead again. Hopefully will be up and running soon
- BGCRC is still waiting on some things and has pushed it’s building completion date back to December
- Water and sewer rate increases are coming. The public hearings will be announced soon.
- Storm water drainage has been an issue recently, and it is being addressed as the city is financially able

County Report:

- Budgets are being presented
- Commissioners Gorder and Mitchell will be traveling to D.C. 8/18-8/19 to meet with the capital. 33 commissioners from Montana are invited to attend and they will tour the capital and meet with the Vice President and other Capital staff members to discuss challenges and opportunities facing Montana.
- MIC met recently and Shane has been nominated to their board! They are attempting to come up with new ideas for the 2019 session as well as the continued fight for oil severances- the goal is to keep the county’s and increase the City’s portion back to what it was. Hopefully there will be new legislator tours to the area this fall.

Open Discussion:

- LYIP
 - The Corp is moving forward with bids on the project as a sign of good faith.
- Special Guests: Jackie Rances and John Mark Ross from Wells Fargo
 - General introduction to board members
 - Discussed different opportunities for non-profits and individual investors
 - Thank you for attending our meeting!

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 AM

Next Full Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 **NO August meeting because of FAIR!!!**

Next Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 28th, 2018 *** NO July meeting because of FAIR!!!**