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## Full Board Meeting Minutes

1/9/2019

*Sidney Health Center*

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

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

**Financial Reports:** The financials for December show a slight uptick with memberships coming in! We are slightly ahead of where we were last December. There were no out of the ordinary expenses in December.

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

**Slate of 2019 Officers:** The nomination committee has put forth:  
Moving Bryce up to fill in the remainder of Jackie's 3 year term  
Leif assuming the role of treasurer  
Pam staying as secretary  
Blaine, Heather, Bill and Jason keeping their one year placements

Tami moved to approve. Walt Seconded. Approved.

**Confidentiality Agreements:** Leslie handed out forms to everyone in attendance and will be emailing everyone else. Thank you for your John Hancock!

**Personnel Reviews:** Leslie and Katie's annual reviews are set for January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Randy will be emailing the Executive board Leslie's review forms this week and would like them back by the 18<sup>th</sup>. If the full board would like to chime in in any way, please just email Randy by the 18<sup>th</sup>!

**Ag Membership Recruitment:** Our office spent some time creating an Ag Recruitment letter to try and gain some Ag membership. Over 90 letters went out and we have gained 3 new Ag members!

**Newsletter:** The Winter 2019 newsletter has gone out!

**Open House:** The office hosted their Holiday Open House. Hopefully next year more people will be able to make it! Thank you again to Cami and Vanessa for helping with food!

**2019 Membership:** Memberships are coming in nicely!

**Computers for the office:** New computers are in! We are waiting to work after hours with the guy who will network and connect our systems.

**Business Days at the Capitol:** Leslie, Tami and Rick traveled to Helena to take in Business Days. There was an incredible turn out and Leslie was able to connect with no less than 9 REDC members as well as Senator Daines and Congressman Gianforte.

**Katie Recognized for Montana Spirit Award:** At the end of December, Katie was awarded the Spirit of Montana Award from Congressman Gianforte. It was such a great honor.

**SYP Updates:**

- The SYP December Event was great! We estimate over \$2,000 in donations were given back to area schools
- February's event will be held at the new Brewery to highlight a new business in Sidney while reaching our network
- March will still bring in the "So you want to be a board member" training. We are excited to partner with the Montana Non-Profit organization as well as the leadership class at the Chamber for this event!
- April will still be the State of the State, County, City and Town event.
- Katie presented about SYP at Kiwanis on January 4<sup>th</sup>

**City Report:**

- The city is getting prepared for water/sewer increases as of February 1.

**County Report:**

- Library remodel plans are almost finalized
- The County is 60 days out from purchasing the Armory. There are lots of exciting plans for the space.

**Open Discussion:**

- The Chamber is working on its budget and Laura Schieber is going to be president this year.
- The Airport is watching a lot of different bills to help increase revenue and ease!
- Shane has been made the new Chair of The Infrastructure Collation

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 AM

Next Full Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Next Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 29th, 2019