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## Full Board Meeting Minutes

4/3/2019

### Sidney Health Center

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

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

**Financial Reports:** There were no out of the ordinary expense for the month of March. The second wave of membership letters will be heading out in June along with membership follow ups. Right now the finances are good.

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

**Savage Community Hall:** Leslie has been working with getting all of the paperwork in order for the Savage Community Hall. She has been able to get taxes filed, name change paperwork filed and processed with all the necessary entities, and they are excited to be moving forward with minor updates to their facilities.

**MonDak Ag Days:** Leslie and Katie attended MonDak Ag Days. The highlighted event attended was the talk about Hemp production in Montana and what that looks like and where it is going. Ag Days is a wonderful event and we were excited to be able to attend.

**Chamber Leadership:** Leslie spoke with the Chamber Leadership class for the second time this month. On her previous visit, Leslie was able to discuss the role of REDC during the rise and fall of the energy boom in Richland County. This time, Leslie talked about all the things that REDC does! It is always an enjoyable time.

**Tourism Meetings:** Using bed tax dollars, the State of Montana identifies and subsequently promotes different areas in Montana. In 2019, for the first time, Eastern Montana has been selected. Leslie and Katie attended meetings with the State Tourism Advisory Council and other area members to try to identify ways to promote Richland County and Eastern Montana to tourists.

**Fairview Ambulance:** The community of Fairview is in dire need of a new ambulance bay. Leslie has been working with Mayor Bieber to try to help find funding for this. Leslie will keep you updated.

**Lambert Assisted Living:** Leslie was contacted by a Lambert resident about wanting a Savage manor sized facility in Lambert. They have been able to procure the land with some stipulations, so Leslie would like to host a community meeting to get a feel for the feasibility of the project before moving forward.

**LYIP Updates:** The judge has ruled in favor of AMES construction and the project should begin in mid-July following the June raise and spawning season.

**RLF Updates:** We are happy to announce our 16<sup>th</sup> RLF loan! The loan was awarded to Tim Neu at the Neu Supervalve in Fairview for remodel and equipment updates. There is still a million dollars available to lend!

**SYP Updates:**

- March 12th was “So you want to be a board member” training. We enjoyed partnering with the Montana Non-Profit organization as well as the leadership class at the Chamber for this event!
- April 11, 6-8 PM, will be the State of the State, County, City and Town event. The event will be at the Elks Club and is free and open to the public.
- There has been no word on the MTYP summit bid.

**City Report:**

- The new ward maps are finalized.
- The council is working on drainage issues in North and South Meadow
- Swimming pool contract has been signed.
- There is no Babe Ruth or Legion baseball this year. T-Ball has been moved back to Water Tower Park.

**County Report:**

- The bid went out for the library expansion project. The estimate on this will be about a 1.4 million dollar project. Both B&B and Krigen construction have presented bids.
- There are quite a few bills being watched including but not limited to HB661 and HB65
- Working with flood assistance
- MACO is working on workers comp and other insurances this month

**Open Discussion:**

- The sugar beet contract was not accepted by the growers this week
- Leslie was asked to follow up with recruitment efforts in hopes to fill the Shopko gap
- Kallie and Bill stopped in to discuss a work program with the high school. While that will not work in our limited space, it might for other businesses. Please contact either of them if you might be interested.
- Air Show Committee will meet soon
- Special Guest- Colleen Topp, Sidney Job Service
  - Sidney job service is one of 17 in operation around the State
  - Have many programs for employers and potential employees

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 AM

Next Full Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Next Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019