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A Non-Profit Countywide Economic Development Corp

Full Board Meeting Minutes

February 1st, 2023

Pella Lutheran Church

Leif Anderson brought the meeting to order at 6:43 AM. Board members present were: Leif Anderson, Craig Averett, Jen Doty, Shane Gorder, Vanessa Pooch, Mark Rehbein, Blaine Rogers, Gary Schoepp, Alan Seigfreid, Morgan Taylor, and Leslie Messer. Members absent were; Jason Brothen, Dave Garland, Chip Gifford, Bill Henderson, Walt McNutt, Rick Norby, Randy Olson, and Cami Skinner.

Approval of Minutes: Craig motioned to approve the minutes. Blaine seconded. Approved.

Financial Reports: Leslie presented the financials for the year to date. The memberships are coming in, and Leslie is meeting with the renewing members as she delivers plaques. Gary moved to approve the financials. Alan seconded. Approved.

Nominating Committee: Leslie reported that she had reached out to 4 potential candidates for consideration to the REDC board as 1-year directors: Paula Eberling, Travis Gerten, Michele Herres, and Jamie Malsam. Leslie stated that all four are interested and excited to join our board. There was discussion as to how valuable the new candidates would be to REDC. Craig moved to accept these four candidates as directors. Vanessa seconded the motion, approved.

Monthly happenings:

- Compiled all the income tax return (990) stuff and dropped it off at Tara's office on 1/5
- Completed and filed the Secretary of State's Annual Report for REDC on 1/6
- Gathered all information required to update the signature cards at financial institutions
- Registered as a lobbyist and am watching pertinent bills
- Making needed changes to our website
- Posted the Project Assistant position online
- Boxed up all items from old office space in preparation of the move

Office move: Leslie began by thanking Leif, Randy and 2 sons, Vanessa, Blaine and 2 workers, Gary, and Leslie's family: Jim, Amelia, Justin & Katy, for their work to get the move accomplished. We started at 8:00 AM and were completely moved into the new spaces by 9:30 AM. It will take some time for Leslie to get the offices finished. Leslie also cleaned the old space and sent a thank you to the landlords for having us in the space for so many years.

Marketing Proposals: Leif stated that to assist REDC to become better known in our current market, we are seeking proposals from two marketing firms. The goal is to create more awareness for REDC which included logo upgrade, stationery, and a marketing plan for 12 months.

County report: Shane is keeping an eye on legislation affecting the county. He has been traveling to Helena throughout February. Shane has met with Brandon Ler, and Bob Gilbert. He missed Hinebauch this trip. Shane and new DES Coordinator, Brandon Roth, traveled to attend DES conference. One bill the County is keeping a close eye on is HB-328, which states that any open meetings held by counties must be videotaped, audio recorded and stored indefinitely. This would come at a cost of \$30-50,000 to Richland County. They have opposed it. There has been more encouragement to get commissioners from all counties to go to Helena. Shane has also been in touch with the Beet Growers in regard to whether the contract has been signed. There is to be a deadline of 2/1. Shane also reported that there will be a bid opening for the fair ground expansion.

City report: Nothing

Open discussion:

- Jen reported on the continued expansion efforts at the Sidney Health Center. They have completed Phase I which was the ER remodel. They are heading into Phase II of this. Phase III will be most disruptive and take the longest time. The Cancer Center is preparing for the tomo-therapy machine and hyperbolic chamber to be set up, sometime in July.
- Vanessa reported on the RC Sports complex group who are looking at utilizing the cattle barn for the baseball leagues. There is a task force leading this: Travis Rosaan, Travis Bauer, Terry Roth and others.
- Alan reported on the progress of the airport terminal development. Things are moving right along. The TSA made the move into the new space and are operational. The heavy snow created issues for the runway clearance. They are looking to purchase another snow removal machine to cover the runways in a timely manner. The Medivac planes are the highest priority.

Adjourned at 8:00 AM

Next Full Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

Next Executive Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023