

MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP

April 3, 2024

The full board meeting of directors of Richland Economic Development Corp was held at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT on April 3, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 a.m., MST, by President Jason Brothen.

Roll Call:

The following members were present:

Craig Averett	Jason Brothen	Dave Garland
Kali Godfrey	Jamie Malsam	Walt McNutt
Randy Olson	Vanessa Pooch	Mark Rehbein
Blaine Rogers	Gary Schoepp	Alan Seigfreid
Morgan Taylor		

Absent:

Leif Anderson	Paula Eberling	Travis Gerten
Chip Gifford	Shane Gorder	Bill Henderson
Michelle Herres		

Also present was Executive Director, Leslie Messer, and Project Assistant, Amelia Messer.

Meeting Agenda:

The agenda was sent to all directors and presented for approval. There were no changes to the agenda and a motion was made to accept as presented, seconded, unanimously carried.

Consideration of Minutes:

Minutes from March 6, 2024, full board meeting was included in the packet and sent before the meeting. Brothen asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mark moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Craig, unanimously carried.

Consideration of
Financial reports

Messer went over the financial reports; Craig moved to approve the financials; Blaine seconded the motion. Approved.

Monthly Activities:

Messer's monthly activities. She had 2 small business consultations. She was interviewed by the Round up regarding economic diversification strategy and CEDs. She sent the updated RLF information to the lenders. She reported that her and Amelia went to Agri-Industries open house and the MonDak Ag Days. She participated in a focus session on the impact of film on Montana's economy. Messer also signed the contract to have the booth at the fair this year.

Coal Board Contract:

The coal board contract for \$45,000 has been signed by all parties, and so that money will be available as soon as the outcome of the EDA application is known.

Leadership MT:

Messer has been chosen to participate in the selection committee for choosing the 2025 class participants for Leadership Montana. She has read and scored all applications assigned to her.

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- RLF Application: Messer stated that the office received two applications to the RLF. One is to buy an existing business with new ownership, while the other is a new business venture. As she is able, she will share more information.
- Savage School Presentation: This semester, the students at Savage are learning about energy. Messer was invited to go and speak to the students about what REDC does, and how we worked to recruit projects like coal, Ag, and business to Richland County.
- Review of By-laws, Articles I and II: The Executive Board will review the By-laws, Article by Article, and edits made for the purpose of keeping it up to date. I & II were looked at in March's meeting. Leslie will make the edits and send them back for approval.
- City Report: Kali, City of Sidney Commissioner, reported that there was nothing to note. Park improvement and Zone changes will be made.
- County Report: No report
- Open Discussion: There will be a speaker from Cerilon coming to the next meeting. There was a fire at the airport that destroyed one building and everything inside. There was a lot of damage that is slowly being replaced. No cause determined as of yet.
- Future Meetings: Next full board meeting will be Wednesday, April 3, 2024.
Next executive board meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2024.
- Adjournment: With no further business, Jason adjourned the meeting at 7:25 AM.

Jason Brothen, President

Dave Garland, Secretary