

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

March 4, 2026

The full board meeting of directors of Richland Economic Development Corp was held at Pella Church, Sidney, MT on March 4, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 a.m., MST, by President, Brothen.

Roll Call:

The following members were present:

Craig Averett	Jason Brothen	Dave Garland
Shane Gorder	Jamie Malsam	Randy Olson
Mark Rehbein	Blaine Rogers	Gary Sheopp
Alan Seigfried		

Absent:

Sarah Degn	Jamey Fieler	Travis Gerten
Michele Herres	Walt McNutt	Morgan Taylor

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

Meeting Agenda:

The agenda was sent to all directors and presented for approval. Blaine moved to accept the agenda, Craig seconded, unanimously carried.

Consideration of Minutes:

Minutes from January 7, 2025, full board meeting minutes were included in the packet and sent before the meeting. Brothen asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Craig moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mark, unanimously carried.

Consideration of
Financial report:

It was moved that the RLF helped split the cost of new computers for the office, Randy moved to accept the motion. Seconded by Alan, it was unanimously carried. Messer went over the financial report; Gary moved to approve the financials; Mark seconded the motion, unanimously carried.

Annual meeting recap:

The REDC staff worked hard on the annual meeting planning this year with developing a program to showcase the success stories of many businesses REDC has helped. They would like to extend special thanks again to Gary, Dave, Travis, Sarah, and Jamey F for their extra help setting up and tearing down the decorations. The event was a success and more people attended.

Update office equipment:

This month the computers in the office were updated. There is also now a server and secure backup. Many thanks to Trace Jones for his effort in getting them up and working out the kinks to get them operating properly.

RLF updates:

Messer has been working with 3 potential clients looking at the RLF as a way to attain business ownership.

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- LYIP Annual Meeting: James Brower asked Messer if she would speak at his annual meeting on Feb 13. She did research and presented a bit of her own heritage, as well as how REDC has helped LYIP over the past 25 years.
- Sunrise City Association: Messer has been asked to participate in the downtown planning meetings for the improvements for Sidney. She is happy to represent REDC and participate as our vision and mission supports.
- County Report: The Savage Fire Hall is still moving forward; the first blueprint didn't work so they moved to another blueprint. Water wells that are across the river were tested and are not safe for drinking water so other options are being looked at. Rau school is not allowed to drink their water, so they are having bottled water brought in. A meeting with the further water well test results will be held and is available to the public.
- Old/New Business: none
- Future Meetings: Next full board meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 (Morgan Theil speaker)
Next executive board meeting: Monday, March 23, 2026
- Adjournment: With no further business, Brothen adjourned the meeting at 8:00 AM.



Jason Brothen, President



Dave Garland, Secretary