

Musselshell Valley Community Foundation (MVCF)  
Monthly Board Meeting July 11, 2016  
City Office, Roundup, MT

Board members present for the MVCF board meeting: Roberta Hagstrom, Monty Sealey, Bill Milton, Kelly Gebhardt, Linda Picchioni, and Darcy Dutton. Absent: Jay Newell, Mike Morgan, and Mark Rosebush.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm by Kelly Gebhardt.

Guests: Stan Pisle

An addition to the agenda is discussion of a possible project.

A **motion** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Dutton; Morgan 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.

Stan Pisle, representing Swimmer's Forever gave a report on the activities of the group. The group has enough to pay for the feasibility study, engineering report and state permit fees. They plan to use a non-chlorine filtration system and the existing chlorine tanks were removed. They will also begin discussion on operational costs. They plan to meet with the engineer the first week of July. Pisle was thanked for addressing the group and retired from the meeting.

The financial report and check writer report was presented later in the meeting. See below.

Grants Committee: The Melstone Community Garden grant has been delayed but should be completed in the fall.

Membership committee: The website has not been completed yet. Mr. Darro has been fighting fires. Hagstrom told him to copy things off the WIX site where necessary. Picchioni brought up the need for certain forms like a proxy for board meetings being placed on the director's portal of the new website. Sealey asked if proxies are valid. Hagstrom will contact Wood to find out if the updated bylaws are completed. Picchioni asked Milton if he had heard back from Ralph Spence on whether BCF sent receipted a receipted thank you to the donors of GiveLocal. Picchioni will contact Spence. Continue to invite people to join MVCF.

RIDE: Dutton said RIDE went well. At least 1000 wristbands were sold. Next month there will be a more complete review.

A & C: Milton asked for the check for Shakespeare in the Park to be cut. It is for \$1,200.00. Hagstrom moved to pay \$1,200.00, Dutton seconded, motion carried. Milton spoke about the mitigation of the flood plain grant. There will be a pre award notification in August. If it is successful, A & C would apply for a FWP grant to expand the trail to the bridge at Riverside.

COMMUNITY STAGE: Sealey said they are getting bids for a permanent lighting rack on a mechanical wench. The wood has been clear coated. There is an event scheduled for August 6. Lacy Dalton concert is being sponsored by the local Veterans group. General Funk and a retired naval commander will open the evening with a talk. Sealey is working on getting a Dixieland band out of Billings to come. On August 20, the Billings Symphony Chamber Concert will perform.

MCRT: There is no report for MCRT. They are not currently meeting.

RCP: In Borner's absence, Milton gave a report that the County has received a grant and match to purchase the annex portion of Central School for the Senior Center. The school has received a grant for a feasibility study being done by Randy Hafer. Kathy Bailey is planning to apply for a grant that requires job creation and also has a lead on a digital company that needs 2000 square feet of office space. Gebhardt asked about the \$250,000.00 in bond money that was earmarked for tearing down Central School. That will need to be addressed if Save Central moves forward. A Brownsfield study grant has been secured. Other grants that address updating the heating system with renewable energy are being investigated. It is hoped to combine county, city, school, Signal Peak and MVCF in moving the project forward towards viability of utilizing the entire campus including the historic sandstone structure. Hafer will also be able to address how a non-profit can be formed to oversee the project.

Hagstrom reported that on August 20<sup>th</sup>, RCP will have an ice cream social fundraiser in conjunction with the Billings Symphony Chamber Concert.

Sealey presented the possibility of an upcoming project to update/replace the sound system at the fairgrounds for the rodeo. He asked if MVCF would be willing to be the sponsor for a grant written to Signal Peak for this endeavor. Questions on if it could be portable for the 4-H fairground portion and on sponsorship fees were brought up. Sealey said it is all very preliminary at this point but wanted us to be aware. The board agreed this would be a good project.

Work Plan: There were no updates needed at this point to brochures.

Financial Report: Picchioni finally found the check writers report and along with the finance report, these were presented. There are 5 additional checks requested: Shakespeare in the Park - \$1,200.00, RCP is requesting \$75.00 for paint for welcome signs, RIDE had a request for \$42.36 for spray paint for the Run, Billings Symphony Chamber needs \$1,000.00 and the City of Roundup needs 2 checks – one for \$100.00 deposit and another for \$50.00 fee for using the stage for the chamber music concert.

Board Planning: Next, MVCF voted for a Vice-President. The crux is that it is expected that this person will be willing to move to the President position in 2 years. Much discussion ensued. Milton agreed to help cultivate membership for board roles so we have more people willing to serve in officer positions. Milton then nominated Hagstrom for Vice-President, Dutton seconded the motion. Gebhardt called for more nominations from the floor twice more. Picchioni nominated Sealey for Vice-President and Hagstrom seconded. Gebhardt once again called for nominations a third time. No additional nominations were forthcoming. Calling for the Vote: Sealey, Dutton, Milton and Picchioni voted for Hagstrom and Hagstrom voted for Sealey. Hagstrom will serve as Vice President. Picchioni will take a copy of the meeting's minutes to the bank so Hagstrom can sign the signature card allowing her to sign checks.

Checks need to be signed before leaving the meeting.

With no further business, Gebhardt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Picchioni  
Secretary