

Musselshell Valley Community Foundation (MVCF)
Monthly Board Meeting February 12, 2018

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

Absent: Nicole Borner

The meeting was opened at 6:02 PM by Kelly Gebhardt

Guest: Lisa Laliberte There were no public comment or additions to the agenda.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Sealey; Rosebush 2nd; correction needed to the date of minutes, which should read January 8, 2018. Motion and 2nd agreed to amendment. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Carlson provided the financial report and check writer's report. Milton moved we accept the report; Dutton 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Rosebush and Gebhardt have finished the budget. The amount for postage and printing was increased to \$500.00. Rosebush will scan the final budget document and email it out to the board. It will need final approval at the February meeting. Newell will continue to work with Carlson until June when we can elect a new treasurer. He will also put together an operational manual for transitioning to the new treasurer.

Grants Committee: Five grant applications were received. The committee recommended funding for the following four:

1. MT Urban Community Forestry - for pruning of trees in Roundup. \$600.00 of a \$16,000 project.
2. Roundup Baseball - \$1,800 for catcher gear and helmets.
3. RIDE - \$1,425 for protective vests, helmets and stanchions for Buttons & Bows rodeo.
4. Community Stage - \$2,578 for sound equipment including mics, stands, sound board, cords, etc.
5. Musselshell River Distribution Project – Wendy Beye to write an operational manual - \$1,00.00.

It was noted that there were some minor timing problems regarding information presented in the grant application, so the grant committee suggests the applicant should reapply at the next grant opening.

Total amount recommended to award is \$45,990.00.

Rosebush motioned to fund the Urban Community and the baseball grants. Morgan 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Rosebush moved to fund the RIDE grant. Sealey 2nd the motion. Dutton and Morgan abstained. Motion carried. Dutton moved to fund the Stage grant. Hagstrom 2nd the motion. Sealey and Morgan abstained. Motion carried.

Membership Committee: Hagstrom noted that the website hosting fee will be due in March. Sealey moved and Dutton 2nd that we continue utilizing PC-Solutions, LLC, for hosting of the website in the amount of \$174.95 for one year. Motion carried.

Due to a phone conference call with Jenifer Gursky of Montana Community Foundation concerning the Community Leadership Development Initiative (CLDI), the regular fiscal sponsored project reports were quickly reviewed as the call was connected.

Swimmer Forever: No report

RIDE: No report

A&C: No report

Community Stage: Discussed during grant committee recommendations above
MCRT: No report
RCP: No report

Phone Conference call on Community Leadership Development Initiative (CLDI).

Introductions were made. Gursky reviewed the program explaining there was additional module inserted in the initial year due to a review of the pilot programs in Forsyth and Columbus. The modules were discussed. Gursky suggested implementing Modules 1 & 2 in May and June. Break for the summer and complete Modules 3&4 in September and October. The May module in Team Building will take 4 hours. This can be accomplished late afternoon into the evening or a weekend morning. The June module, Data Walk, is 5 hours. The 3rd Module, Vision and Mapping requires a 6-hour commitment. The 4th Module, Action Planning, is 8 hours. The board asked questions and expressed the need for positive outcomes of participation in such a program, but also the trepidations of time constraints, outcomes and follow up. Gursky understand the board's concerns. She encourage MVCF to bring on new board members prior to the start of the program. Experience has shown that it is difficult to bring new members up to speed because the modules build on each other. The board thanked Gursky for her time, over an hour of phone time, and said the board would continue the discussion and get back to her with our decision.

Laliberte offered to hold off on establishing a contracted employed position until the fall. She would like to participate as a volunteer audit in the initial modules of the CLDI and feels her time would be better spent helping us to facilitate the action portion. Milton made a motion that we commit and sign the contract for Community Leadership Development Initiative with MCF. Morgan 2nd. Motion unanimously carried.

Find & Search Community – Lisa Laliberte and Sealey are working on a contract that will be fine-tuned by the board in the coming months with plant to implement the contracted employee in the fall.

Work Plan: Due to the importance of recruiting new board members prior to the starting of CLDI, several names were discussed. Milton and Hagstrom will make contact with some of these people. Sealey will attempt to scan an old information packet to the prospective recruits.

Chairman Gebhardt adjourned the meeting at 8:05.
Respectively Submitted,
Linda Picchioni, Secretary