

LMD Regular Meeting Minutes

February 11-2021

Zoom Meeting

Present: Chris Jones, Tim Osborn, Randy Looper, Tammie Thompson-Booker, Michael Morriss, Justin Kawcak

Absent: Dave Heinrich

Guests: Phil Vallem, Tom Kleinschnitz, Lois Wymore, Chris Nichols, Jennifer Holloway, Amy Updike, Brittany Young

-Meeting was called to order @ 4:01PM

-Welcomed Tim Osborn to his first meeting replacing Rich Thompson who is retiring.

-Conflicts of interest. Randy Looper stated he had a conflict of interest in Chamber discussion presentation and he will be abstaining from discussion and vote. Justin Kawcak also stated he has a business relationship with the Chamber as well.

-Motion made by Randy Looper to approve minutes. Second Justin Kawcak. Minutes from January Meeting were approved.

-Financial Report given by Michael Morriss. \$568,565 in Receipts/Funds and \$258,638 in commitments

-Officer Election for 2021; Justin Kawcak nominated as Chair, Chris Jones nominated as Vice Chair, Michael Morriss nominated as Treasurer, Tammie Thompson-Booker nominated as Secretary. Slate of officers was unanimously approved by the board.

-Presentation by Moffat Moto Park- Phil Vallem Board noted that the funding requests are for Capital items that we cannot spend money on.

-Justin Kawcak discussed email from City of Craig about what Capital items as defined by the City. It basically states that anything that we buy to build or funding to improve something and that has a useful life of more than 1 year. Board noted that \$9,000 was approved for marketing at the December meeting. Phil Vallem mentioned what was funded at the Yampa Valley Golf Course and board advised it wouldn't have fallen under the capital description.

-Presentation by Jennifer Holloway-Craig Chamber/MC Visitor Center presentation/funding request for \$65k. General discussion about budget, funding and needs to be in the new building as well as operating the MC Visitor Center. Amy Updike stated we needed to separate the Visitors Center from the Chamber of Commerce operations. Stated that without the funding the Chamber would look at letting the Visitor Center go away. Fundraisers from 2020 did not happen which have typically funded Visitor Center operations. Costs of new location have driven some of the larger losses year over year, which was not represented in the budget that was presented to the LMD Board. Michael Morriss made a motion to fund for \$65K with condition that Chamber comes back with road map. Chris Jones stated that we have made a commitment to sticking to our budgeted items. Michael amended motion to fund Moffat County Visitors Center for \$40K. Tammie Thompson Booker seconded. Motion approved. Justin Kawcak and Randy Looper abstained.

-Sandwash Basin request was rescinded. May come back next month to ask for additional funding for water/signage etc.

-Tammie Thompson-Booker made statement about the funding request made by the MC Visitor Center and that we were not aware of a funding request that would be coming to us for \$65K and that if additional items can be presented to the board we can review other options for funding. Chris Jones also made additional comments on the budget and funding from events.

-Public Comment:

Tom Kleinschnitz made a public comment on behalf of MCTA letting board know that MCTA is working on RFP for Website. Thanked the LMD for funding for printing city maps and the use of See Source.

- Board Discussion about next month's meeting topics to include to follow up on feasibility study of Yampa Valley Adventure Center and See Source renewal and consistency of tax reporting when it is not paid in the current month or quarter in which it was due/paid.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.