

PhillCo Economic Growth Council, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 29, 2015 12:00 PM, Stretch's

PRESENT: Sharon Kindle, Julie Snedigar, Donnie & Kathy Bagely, Mike Rappold, R.J. Tollefson, Jake Stuart, Gary Howell, Lary Houlton, Marko Manoukian, Van Savage, Cody Oxarart, Shirley Legg, Anne Booth.

Call to order & welcome: President Jake Stuart

Review Minutes/Financial Transactions: Review/approve minutes of previous meeting and financial transactions as presented. Rappold moved to approve the minutes with second by Howell and motion passed. Financials will be emailed as printer was out of ink and will be approved at the next meeting.

Administrative Report and Project Updates:

MBIDD: Former Malta Airport Redevelopment Update. Voluntary Assessment is approved, plan has been submitted. Additional testing will be done but is on hold as to who will pay the increase of \$18,000. Drilling is shut down for now until decision is reached. A conference call was done with some modification. Ten yards of contaminated soil will be \$10,000 to be hauled.

Grants/Document Revision:

CTEP- Malta Trails - Ongoing, Leslie Robinson not present to address progress on the Milk River bridge. Footing for Foot Bridge is on schedule for next week.

Phillips County Growth Policy - Ongoing

Missouri River Country/Tourism: Update from Snedigar who said she is writing a letter to same as was dissatisfied with the quality and information of the meeting.

Phillips County Motor Sports: Update from Kindle; power is on in the former bank building and construction of walls in the bathroom area has begun. Special race May 30, Sat. for Test & Tune only from 11-5, annual tech will be done at the same time, high school race will be Sept 5 with trophies and an Iron Man trophy. Chassis certification Feb 15 at Carnahan's shop beginning at 11 a.m. Five race weekends scheduled.

PhillCo Promotional Items & Logo: Update by Snedigar. She and Stuart are working toward a new logo and obtaining promo items.

PhillCo Spring Workshops: These are on hold until after MEDA report and town meeting is held to see what areas Phillco needs to work on.

Old Business:

PhillCo Strategic Planning Session - MEDA Assessment Report will be Wed. March 4, 6:00 at Stretch's for a town hall meeting.

PhillCo Priorities will be set from this meeting.

New Business:

Art Spot Revitalization Efforts, Kathy Bagely-has Hill County to be local government partner, has reached its goal. Thanked Phillco for letters of support. This is a one year event and the museum and historical society will work with ArtSpot. There will be a column in the PCN.

Malta Blood Drawings-Kindle addressed the Blood Drive as the number of donors has been dropping significantly and Red Cross is allowing the locals to do more one-on-one and speaking out on the importance of donations of blood. They are encouraging people to come forth and tell their stories about receiving blood donations. Drawing is Feb 19, Thurs, at the Malta Lutheran Church.

WHAT'S NEW IN AND AROUND PHILLIPS COUNTY

Hi-Line Retirement approached Phillco for funding and a \$50,000 loan was drawn up to assist the establishment to stay open. The Country Home has shifted to the retirement home to fill some empty rooms. It was viewed as an economic and employment impact upon the area and deemed a good investment.

Construction On the north highway will begin and 11 miles will be completely redone. Highway 191 south is scheduled for 2016-2017.

Upcoming events:

- ✓ January 30th - Phillips County Healthcare Foundation Dinner, 5 PM at City Hall
- ✓ February 4th - Malta Chamber Merchants Meeting, noon at Stretch's
- ✓ February 10th - Malta Chamber Membership Meeting, noon at The Bistro
- ✓ February 11th - Jim Schumacher Day

- ✓ February 17th - Missouri River Country Tourism Meeting, 10 AM Wolf Point
- ✓ February 26th - 28th - Class B Girls Divisional Basketball Tournament
- ✓ March 4th - Malta Chamber Merchants Meeting, noon at Stretch's
- ✓ March 4th - MEDA Assessment Report Presentation, 6 PM at Stretch's

Howell moved to adjourn with second by Kindle and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kindle, secretary