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PhillCo General Membership Meeting Agenda Tin Cup at Noon – November 17, 2020

- **Call to order & welcome** President Kourtney Simonson.
- **Review Minutes & Approve** Review/approve minutes from July 15, 2020.
- **Financial Transactions** Review financials as submitted (November Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet)
- **Guest Speaker** Alesha Ereaux – Malta Chamber of Commerce’s Geocaching Project
- **Executive Board Business Review/Updates**
 - **PhillCo By the Numbers** - updates from 2013 to 2020 (as of November).
 - **MBIDD Cleanup Update**– Received DEQ Soil Closure Letter.
ReImagining Rural Webinar Hosting – Program was extended to three sessions:
 - 9/15, Ben Winchester of the University of Minnesota on Rewriting the Rural Narrative.
 - 9/29, Deb and Becky from Save Your Town on saving your town using what you already have.
 - 10/13, Share ideas from participating towns plus Q&A with speakers.
Small grants \$500-\$2000 were offered to communities to implement a project that aligned with ReImagining Rural presentations.
 - **ATech Update** - PhillCo received a final Shareholder Buy Back Offer. Rick Downs is dissolving ATech. Shareholders are to mail original certificates to Eric Nord, ATech’s attorney and legal representative in the U.S. Eric will hold the certificates in trust until the checks are mailed, no later than November 30, 2020. Pam did find PhillCo’s share certificate and sent in the Buy Back Offer (\$5,000)
- **New Business**
 - **CDBG Grant** applied for to update Phillips County Growth Policy and Feasibility Study/Site Analysis of MBIDD: existing and needed infrastructure, advantages and disadvantages of the site, identify commercial/industrial uses of the site. All this is preparation for a TEDD (Targeted Economic Development District). Grant was for \$30,000. Exec. Board pledged to commit to paying the match if grant was awarded - \$10,000. (\$40,000 total project, Phillips County.)
 - **ReImagining Rural Grant** applied for (\$2,000)
 - **PCMS** - Semi- Permanent Security Fencing for Main Pit area
- **Other**
 - **Hi-Line Packing** received a 2nd year of funding \$37,500
 - **Hi-Line Packing and Pekovich Meats** each received a \$150,000 **Montana Meat Processing Infrastructure Grant** from the Montana Department of Agriculture.
- **Adjourn**



General Membership Meeting Notes

November 17, 2020 at 12:00 PM at Tin Cup

Present: Marko Manoukian, Kari Hammond, Jackie Sorlie, Kourtney Simonson, Alesha Ereaux, Anna Merriman (Chamber), Pam Smith Wolsey.

Meeting called to order by President Kourtney Simonson. Pam noted that there is **no quorum** at today's meeting.

Minutes were reviewed from July 15, 2020 General Membership meeting.

Financial transactions were reviewed as submitted (November Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet)

Guest Speaker Alesha Ereaux – explained Malta Chamber of Commerce's Geocaching Project and Chamber's intent to apply for MT Tourism Grant (deadline November 30, 2020) to fund a Geocaching GeoTours marketing package to promote Phillips County's geocaching opportunities. Grant requires matching funds and Alesha requested PhillCo support this project with a \$500.00 commitment. Board members present agreed and directed Pam to solicit input from other board members via email. That was done and enough members agreed to support the Chamber's grant application with the financial commitment requested.

- **Executive Board Business Review/Updates**

- **PhillCo By the Numbers** - updates from 2013 to 2020 (as of November).
- **MBIDD Cleanup Update**– Received DEQ Soil Closure Letter. The status is that the property will not be delisted from the superfund site records due to one chemical (picloram) in one well is the only remaining groundwater issue. The soil closure letter revised the CECRA boundary around the groundwater well at issue. Board discussed options for property development and the possibility of retesting the groundwater well to determine if contamination levels had reduced to acceptable limits for delisting. Pam had contacted Newfields and Willy had preliminarily laid out options possible to explore for delisting. Pam will talk further with Willy and call Bear Paw to see if this would fall under their Brownfields Assessment Program for assistance.
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 - **ReImagining Rural Grant** PhillCo and the Phillips County Community Foundation submitted an application November 6, 2020 for \$2000 - \$1500 committed to the Chamber Geocaching Project and \$500 to newcomer welcome and introduction related activities. Grants should be awarded within approximately 30 days.
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