



## General Membership Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Noon at Westside Café

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### Present:

- **Call to Order & Welcome:** President Mark Kunze called the meeting to order at 12:05 at the Westside Café.
- **Review Minutes/Financial Transactions:** Review/approve minutes from September 29, 2016 and financial transactions as presented. Richard MM, Logan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
- **Administrative Report and Project Updates:**
  - **Meetings/Conferences**
    - **MT Missouri River Country** – Annual meeting report/Ashley is the new Vice President for 2017/ trade shows org will attend: Denver, WA, Minnesota and possibly Bismark, ND
    - **Bear Paw Development** – upcoming meeting December 15<sup>th</sup> in Havre – FY 2017 budget and dept. reports /Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Strategy Meeting recap/ Taylor Lyon, new Director of Food and Agriculture Development Center...visits to Malta
    - **Intro To QuickBooks Training**– 3 part series workshop November 3<sup>rd</sup>,14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> . Free workshop with SBDC rep, Joe LaPlante. Sponsorship in partner with Chamber, Triangle Communications, HiLine Technology Roundup, & Bear Paw Dev. A great success and each class full, dinner sponsorship of one evening meal for participants and plans for another class in the spring.
    - **Hi-Line Arts Trail Committee** – Ashley is a committee member, working with group through concept and application for Phillips County's art installation.
    - **New Business Development Planning Committee** – Working to develop a strategic plan with committee for commercial site selection assistance and utilize the PhillCo website.
    - **MOI Public Hearing** – Ashley attended meeting hosted by City of Malta and Bear Paw Development/ update of CDBG Planning grant progress
- **Old Business/Ongoing Business:**
  - **Continued Ed Courses** – partnering with Chamber, SBDC, and HiLine Technology Roundup Committee to bring Google, Excel, etc. this spring
  - **MBIDD:** Update – post contamination excavation, no news was given as to if test results were back and complete.  
Mark stated the Executive Committee previously reviewed the MBIDD lease rates and it was voted to assess a 10% increase of current lease rates, effective at each lease renewal date, to cover increased insurance expense and increased coverage of each leased building.
  - **Website/Facebook Page** – New likes each week/ community photos & stories are encouraged to share.
  - **Welcome to Phillips County Sign at the Port of Morgan** – working with Chamber and committee to update this sign- MT Missouri River Country Co-op Grant Application/Received additional funding with TransCanada. Design set and off to print. Hoping to have the sign up and complete by the end of the year.
  - **Store Front Beautification Grant Program** – Continued interest and awarded application this month to Sleeping Buffalo Hot Springs & Resort for landscaping additions to the newly renovated cabins and surrounding area.
- **New Business:**
  - **Annual Meeting** – election of officers will occur at the General Membership meeting/date ideas were discussed/ review bylaws for any amendments at annual meeting. Gary recommended an

amendment to Article VII, Section 4 that states “The Board of Directors shall meet not less frequently than once a month for regular meetings” be changed to match Article IV, Section 4 that states, “The Board of Directors shall meet not less frequently than every other month for regular meetings”. Marko also recommended an amendment throughout the bylaws where it reads “he” instead read “he/she”.

- **Next Meeting: January 26<sup>th</sup>** – Marko MM to have the Annual Meeting and joint General Membership meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Tin Cup, Logan 2<sup>nd</sup>, and motion carried.
- **New Year and rotate location-** Ashley stated the each year the General Membership meeting changes location on a rotation basis and recommended the Tin Cup. Gary MM, Richard 2<sup>nd</sup> location and motion carried.
- **Other** – VP Marko Manoukian, requested the Board and President to review and sign a civil rights letter for his participation on behalf of Montana State University Extension Service with the PhillCo organization. Richard MM to sign and approve the policy statement, Logan 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.
  - Richard Dunbar also noted for public knowledge, the Walk Bridge on Hwy 2 across the Milk River and existing bridge, goes out to bid in July of next year.
- **WHAT’S NEW IN AND AROUND PHILLIPS COUNTY:**
- **PC Museum and Historical Society - “A Christmas Wish” fundraiser – Dec.1<sup>st</sup>**
- **Phillips County Heritage Arts Fair – December 4<sup>th</sup>**
- **Malta Area Chamber Meeting – December 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Westside Café**
- **Jim Schumacher Livestock Day – January...date TBA**
- **Malta hosts Class B Boys and Girls District Basketball Tournament - February 16-18<sup>th</sup>**
- **Adjourn** – Logan MM to adjourn the meeting, Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.