



## General Membership Meeting AGENDA Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Westside Café

Present: Shane Anderson, Bob Galt, Logan Lund, Mark Kunze, Gary Howell, Marko Manoukian, Shyla Jones, Anne Boothe, Kathy Bagley, Mike Lang, Bruce Christofferson, Ashley Stuart

- **Call to Order & Welcome:** President Mark Kunze
- **Review Minutes/Financial Transactions:** Review/approve minutes from May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and financial transactions as presented. Anne Booth made note the Guide to Giving under Other Current Assets with a balance of \$551.00, could be used for something else as that program has ended years ago. Motion to approve minutes and financials as reported by Mike Lang with a second by Marko Manoukian, motion carried.
- **Administrative Report and Project Updates:**
  - **Meetings/Conferences**
    - **Malta Parks & Rec.** – Ashley reported the Co-Ed Softball League is a great success with 5 teams. The season wraps up on August 15<sup>th</sup> with a single elimination tournament. Also, due to the great response this spring with the two soccer clinics hosted by the MPR, a soccer league for ages 4-13 will begin in September. Games will be played at Murray Field on Saturday mornings.
    - **MT Missouri River Country** – Ashley is a new board member, representing Phillips County in Lori Taylor's place. Ashley reported she is attending the monthly meetings and that the August meeting will be hosted at the Sleeping Buffalo Hot Springs & Resort.
    - **Bear Paw Development** – Ashley attended the latest meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> in Havre at the new Best Western Plus Havre Inn & Suites. The FY2015 Audit Report from Anderson ZurMuehlen was presented with showing BPD in good standings.
    - **Phillips County Proud** – community celebration to honor businesses and homesteads that have been in operation for over 100 years in Phillips County will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Milk River Pavilion. Ashley is a committee member helping to plan this event that is headed by Ranchers Stewardship Alliance. A free BBQ, music and dancing with activities for kids will be on the list of activities for the evening. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
    - **Triangle Connected Community Challenge** – As a member of the stakeholder committee that received the \$2500 technology grant, Ashley reported that with a portion of the proceeds, the committee decided to host a technology fair in Malta. The event is called the HiLine Technology Round Up and it will take place on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Malta Business Center. The event has a Facebook page and webpage and has had a great response from various businesses, organizations and individuals interested in participating. Anne Boothe will talk more about the details later on in the meeting.
- **Old Business/Ongoing Business:**
  - **Malta Skatepark Project**– June 26<sup>th</sup> Grand Opening was a huge success with Jeff Ament in attendance for the official ribbon cutting to hand the park over to the City of Malta and over 200 people from Phillips County and around the state to celebrate. 100 helmets were donated and given away to kids along with snow cones from the Ereaux family and

DalRena's sold corndogs. The park is officially open and still improving with a new shade shelter being constructed over the picnic table area.

- **MBIDD:** President Kunze reported PhillCo received a 60 day notice from the City of Malta expressing their intent to terminate the existing 99 year lease between the City and PhillCo at the MBIDD property. It was requested PhillCo respond within the 60 day period, therefore PhillCo hired representation to draft a response to insure the organization was interpreting the lease correctly and was in compliance with the lease. PhillCo's desire is to continue to manage the property, to find common ground with the City and continue to work cooperatively.

Exciting news for Malta Trails at the MBIDD...a new sign now marks the M Trail and they now have trail maps around town for locals and visitors. Ashley has contacted Julie with Trails to get a PDF of the map for both PhillCo and Chamber to have available on the websites as well.

- **Website/Facebook Page** – New likes every day and over 217 followers and growing each week. Ashley explained how she has been focusing on each community in Phillips County and has had a great response from locals sharing photos & stories. One story in particular about Whitewater reached over 8,155 people, had 57 shares and we then gained 24 new followers!
- **Welcome to Phillips County Sign at the Port of Morgan** – Ashley is working with Chamber and a committee to update this sign- Dina and Ashley applied for the MT Missouri River Country Co-op Grant to help fund the vinyl wrap and artwork for the sign and were successful! The goal is to have the renovated sign complete by October 2016.
- **Leadership Phillips County – postponed;** working with Chamber and committee to implement this 6 month program in Phillips County for 2017. With not enough interest from businesses for individual participation, the committee decided to postpone the program until next year.
- **Store Front Beautification Grant Program** – Ashley reported there is continued interest and new applications for the program. Unfortunately the program is close to meeting the max payout allotted. Ideas to explore supplemental grants to keep the program moving forward, possible matching what PhillCo and the Community Fund has already awarded.
- **New Business:**
  - **PhillCo Executive Board** – Kunze reported the Vice President position was vacant after former VP Van Savage resigned due to moving to WY with family along with a spot on the Executive Board. Bob Galt nominated long-time member and Executive Board Member Marko Manoukian for the VP position and Logan Lund for the Executive Board seat. Howell moved and Christofferson seconded the motion, motion carried. Congratulations Logan and Marko and thank you for your service to our community.
  - **City Pool** - City hosted a community meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> a great meeting with many in attendance. Mayor Jones reported insight into the meeting, along with details as to how the process would move forward. A Pool Committee was created and it was decided to create a non-profit foundation that could be used for any fundraiser in the future, but would currently focus efforts on fundraising for a new city pool. An official name is being decided upon, but officers were elected and regular meetings are scheduled. The first fundraiser is set for August 12<sup>th</sup> at the current city pool, a luau theme along with Salsbery slide and food to close out the swimming season.
  - **Next Meeting: September 29<sup>th</sup>** at noon @ GN Lodge Room
  - **Other**
- **WHAT'S NEW IN AND AROUND PHILLIPS COUNTY:**

- **Anne Boothe – HiLine Technology Round Up** – Anne gave insight into the amazing event coming to Malta and encouraged everyone to attend. Great speakers, organizations, businesses and trade show booths!
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 in Malta, MT at the Malta Business Center
  - FREE event with booths and speakers discussing technology and its impact on almost every aspect of our lives, from home to business, agriculture and education
- **101<sup>st</sup> Phillips County Fair – August 4-7<sup>th</sup>**
- **Phillips County Historical Walk at the H.G. Robinson House & Gardens - September 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **Phillips County Proud – September 17<sup>th</sup> at Milk River Pavilion**
- **Hi-Line Arts Trail- Opportunity Link and Art Spot** – Kathy Bagley spoke about the upcoming Hi-Line Arts Trail, the partnership with Opportunity Link and the grant received from the National Endowment for the Arts and plans for the grant. Kathy encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming meetings along the Hi-Line...stay tuned for dates.
  
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