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## **General Membership Meeting Agenda**

**October 16, 2019 at Noon at GN Lodge Room**

- **Call to Order & Welcome:** Secretary/Treasurer Carly Bishop
- **Review Minutes/Financial Transactions:** Review/approve minutes from August 21, 2019 and financials as presented.
- **Old Business/Ongoing Business:**
  - **MBIDD:**
    - **MBIDD** – Letter from DEQ stating that public comment period on Addendum #2 would end October 17, 2019 and they have 60 days to reply on approval, denial or modifications of Addendum #2.
    - **Subdivision Violations** –DEQ Water/Sewer line extension is expired and must be addressed (in preparation for marketing to potential buyers/lease holders). Other violations from 'Courthouse meeting minutes' need revisiting.
    - **Lease Update** - Handley's continued lease with approval to amend north building entrance. Exchanged 1 month rent for renovations. Approved via emails.
  - **Store Front Beautification Grant Program** – 2 application submitted, plus 2 pending receipt at end of the week.
  - **St. Mary's Rehabilitation Project** – MT Dept. of Ag Growth in Agriculture Program grant application in progress. Deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - **Cooperatives Steering Committee** – After the Cooperatives Meeting in August 2019, the attendees requested PhillCo consider forming a steering committee to further discuss how cooperatives could help solve needs in Phillips County. In progress.
  - **Hi-Line Packing** –Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund job creation grant submitted for up to \$75,000 over 2 years (depending if funding is available for a second year). No news yet, but possibly within a week.
  - **Villa Theatre** – David Adams submitted a loan request for \$50,000 for improvements to reopen theatre.
- **New Business:**
  - **Store Front Beautification and Community Fund** - meetings to schedule for received applications.
  - **Bear Paw Development Center Ag Listening Day** - was scheduled for October 18, 2019 in Whitewater and Malta, but has been postponed to a later date (late harvest and Bear Paw staff workload) – new date unknown at this time.
  - **QuickBooks Desktop Payroll** subscription (\$230) will be October 25, 2019. Pam now has control of the accounts and are combined into one.
  - **First Security Bank transition to Bank of Malta** – went smoothly. All accounts have a new routing number, but we have one year to use existing checks before reordering.
  - **Kelly Murray PhillCo Board Resignation** - Can fill VP vacancy at Annual Meeting per By-Laws

- **Malta Chamber of Commerce** has a new Executive Director
- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18th at Noon at the GN Lodge Room**
- **Other**
- **WHAT'S NEW IN AND AROUND PHILLIPS COUNTY:**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Phillips County Hospital Health Fair** – October 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am to 11am.
  - **Ranch Profitability Workshop Series** – October 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Malta Business Center. Sponsored by Ranchers Stewardship Alliance
  - **Soup Contest** - October 22<sup>nd</sup> Stockman's Terrace
  - **Halloween Parade** - October 31<sup>st</sup> after school, Downtown Malta
- **Adjourn**



## General Membership Meeting Minutes October 16, 2019 at 12:00 PM at GN Lodge Room

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Present: Pam Smith Wolsey, Jan Berg, Bonnie Wiederrick, Kourtney Simonson, Randi Coleman, Paula Enkerud, Mark Kunze, Kari Hammond, Anna Merriman, Carly Bishop

**Meeting was called to order** by Carly Bishop, secretary.

**Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.** Kari H. made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Richard D. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Financials** as of October 11, 2019 were reviewed. A question was asked about the status of the Hi-line Retirement Center and Villa loans to which Pam replied they were both paid in full. Richard D. made a motion to approve the financials with no corrections or additions. Mark K. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- **MBIDD:** A letter was received from the DEQ stating that the period for public comment regarding the soil cleanup would end October 17. From that time they would have 60 days to reply and either approve, deny or request modifications. We could potentially receive a soil closure letter at that time.

DEQ Water/Sewer line extension has expired and will need to be addressed. Currently Motorsports is happy with their lease, which is in place until 2024.

Handley's will continue to lease their building with approval to amend the north building entrance. 1 month rent was exchanged for renovations. Bonnie W. mentioned that the 9<sup>th</sup> street entrance to this building was not to be for commercial use. Pam will remind Handley's of this.

- **Store Front Beautification:** 2 new applications have been submitted with another 2 anticipated. Tulips and Treasures, Lettuce Eat, Arts Furniture and the Villa Theatre. The Community Foundation will meet to review and decide upon these applications.
- **St. Mary's Rehabilitation Project:** Phillco is assisting with a Montana Department of Ag Growth in Agriculture Program Grant with a November 1 deadline. Applying for 2 grants totaling \$50,000 with a 1:1 match.
- **Cooperative Steering Committee:** Following a Cooperatives meeting in August the attendees requested PhillCo consider forming a steering committee to further discuss beneficial uses for cooperatives in Phillips County. Carly and Pam will work on this further.
- **Hi-Line Packing:** Phillco has assisted is submitting a grant application to Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund for \$75,000 paid out over 2 years. The purpose of the grant if for job creation and Hi-Line Packing intends to hire 10 people over a 2 year period.
- **Villa Theatre:** David Adams submitted a loan request for \$50,000 for improvements to reopen the theatre. The plans to be open for business by the end of October.

**New Business:**

Quickbooks subscription for \$230 will renew October 25<sup>th</sup>.

All accounts with First Security have been transitioned to Bank of Malta.

Kelly Murray has resigned as the Vice President. His position will be filled at the Annual Meeting.

The Malta Chamber of Commerce has a new director, Anna Merriman.

The Next General Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon at the GN Lodge Room.