



## **2021 Annual Meeting Agenda**

### **January 27, 2022 at The Tin Cup**

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**Call to order and Welcome (6:00 PM):** President Kourtney Simonson

- 1. Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** Review/approve minutes September 15, 2021 and financial transactions as presented.
- 2. Montana Corporation Annual Report**
- 3. Annual Report** – Executive Director, Pam Smith Wolsey
- 4. Election of Directors for three year terms (term expires 12-31-2025):**
  - Re-election of Directors
    - Shane Anderson
    - Jackie Sorlie
    - Marko Manoukian
    - Bruce Christofferson
- 5. Presentation of Certificates of Recognition** in honor of businesses and entrepreneurs in Phillips County and their recent accomplishments in 2021. (PhillCo also asks that if we have inadvertently missed someone, please let us know by contacting Pam at 654-5525.)

#### **New Businesses**

- **Saddle & Strop Barbershop** – Reed Veit
- **Game Quest** – Kaeleb Imlay
- **Montana Family Dentistry** – Dr. David Holecek

#### **New Ownership**

- **Northern Prairie Design** – Jolynn Messerly
- **Villa Theatre** – Kari Miller & SaintLouis

- 6. PhillCo Bylaws**
  - No amendments suggested to the bylaws for 2021-2022
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Adjourn**
  - \*\*\*Break to PhillCo General Membership Meeting**
  - Election of Officers for 2022: President, Vice President, Secretary**



### Mission Statement

The mission of PhillCo Economic Growth Council is to assist in improving the economic stability of the Phillips County area and the standard of living of the residents, and to provide leadership in the county relative to the retention and creation of jobs with expanded wealth of our residents and tax revenue for the communities.

*Our goals include:*

- *To promote a quality of life conducive to the economic growth of the area.*
- *To maintain PhillCo Economic Growth Council as an effective long term organization for the promotion of economic development.*
- *To expand and grow basic industry and businesses in the county to include manufacturing and processing.*
- *To establish Phillips County as a regional trade and service center*

### 2021 PhillCo Board of Directors

Name	Affiliation	Elected	Term Expires	Office
Kourtney Simonson	Independence Bank	2020	12/31/2021	President 2021
Bob Galt	First State Bank	2021	12/31/2021	Vice President 2021
Jackie Sorlie	Bank of Malta	2021	12/31/2021	Secretary/Treasurer 2021
Gary Knudsen	Community/4 for 2	2006	12/31/2024	
Jane Knudsen	Malta Public Schools	2011	12/31/2024	
Shane Anderson	Farmer's Union Ins.	2016	12/31/2021	Executive Committee
Jackie Sorlie	Bank of Malta	1993	12/31/2021	Executive Committee
Marko Manoukian	MSU Extension	2005	12/31/2021	Executive Committee
Bruce Christofferson	Co. Commissioner	2016	12/31/2021	Executive Committee
Logan Lund	Far Ran Beyond	2016	12/31/2021	Executive Committee
Bob Galt	First State Bank	2021	12/31/2024	Executive Committee
Kourtney Simonson	Independence Bank	2020	12/31/2022	Executive Committee
Mark Kunze	Ezzie's Wholesale	2015	12/31/2022	Executive Committee
Kari Hammond	Big Flat Electric	2019	12/31/2021	
Donny Bagley	PC Hospital	2015	12/31/2022	
Richard Dunbar	Phillips County	2014	12/31/2022	
Mike Lang	Northern Ag Service	1993	12/31/2022	Executive Committee
Bonnie Wiederrick	City of Malta	2018	12/31/2022	Executive Committee

***A big THANK YOU to Bank of Malta, First State Bank, and Independence Bank for sponsoring the delicious appetizers! Thank you to the Tin Cup Bar & Grill for hosting our annual meeting and to all of YOU for coming and supporting economic growth in Phillips County!***

## PhillCo 2021 Recap

Phillco hosted

- **Downtown Sidewalk Chalk Activity –**
  - PhillCo's Relmaging Rural Working Group, the Malta Boys & Girls Club and the Malta Chamber of Commerce partnered to create a kid-oriented, looped Sidewalk Chalk Art Activity on downtown sidewalks the weekend of April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> to coincide with SwishFest.
  - 15 businesses signed up to participate, 13 actually participated that weekend. Boys & Girls Club drew chalk art for 10 businesses, 3 businesses drew their own art.
  
- **PhillCo/Bear Paw Development Post Covid Economic Development Workshop Lunch - n-Learn Update –** PhillCo hosted with Bear Paw Development June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Tin Cup.
  - Select Community Leaders were invited (at Bear Paw's recommendation)- PhillCo Board, County Commissioners, Town and Community Leaders (nursing home, hospital, banks agriculture) and Water & Sewer District personnel.
  - With ARPA funds newly allocated by new administration, and with a strong emphasis on water and wastewater district improvements and grant deadlines opening July 15, 2021 there will be an afternoon emphasis on ARPA funding and grants. Lunch provided by Bear Paw.
  
- The workshop was well attended, with towns of Malta and Saco, all County Commissioners and the Clerk & Recorder, Water & Sewer Districts: Whitewater, Green Meadows, Buffalo Trail and Sleeping Buffalo Resort, all 3 banks, PhillCo Board, and Agricultural Education/Irrigation Liaison. All Bear Paw staff presented as well as PhillCo Executive Director. Total attendance was approx 26.
  
- **MBIDD Marketing Brochure**
  - Funded by Bear Paw Development Corporation's EPA Brownfields Program and written/created by NewFields. Five page brochure explaining the cleanup work done at the site and marketing of the subdivision for business and industrial uses. Posted on the PhillCo website at

Other activities

- Wrote 7 grants, 3 funded, 1 still pending
- Consulted with businesses on 4 other grants
- Grant manager for 1 grant
- Managing the repermitting of MBIDD



# PhillCo Economic Growth Council By the Numbers 2021



**\$232,000**

Funding secured in 2001 through grant writing for business startup, agriculture and community infrastructure projects.

**\$45,000**

Value of grant applications written 2021 pending award status in 2022.

**\$860,594** Total grant applications submitted for Phillips County projects.

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PhillCo Community Fund leveraged funds for Phillips County and City of Malta community development projects.

**\$32,042.16**



**5**

Number of businesses provided grant management or consulting services.

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Estimated number of new full-time and part-time jobs created due to grant writing activities since 2019.

**9**



**\$58,725**

Value of Store Front Beautification Grants awarded since 2012.

**1**

Number of businesses receiving Store Front Beautification Grants 2021

**\$383,494**

All-time beautification project costs in Phillips County.

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PhillCo Economic  
Growth Council

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## 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

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Board members present: Kourtney Simonson, Bruce Christofferson, Bob Galt, Jackie Sorlie. John Demarais for Bonnie Wiederrick, Gary Knudsen, Pam Smith Wolsey.

1. **Review/approve minutes September 15, 2021 and financial transactions as presented.**
  - a. **Minutes: September 15, 2021** –Bruce Christofferson made motion, Jackie Sorlie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed;
  - b. **Financials:** January 27, 2022 Balance sheet and Profit and Loss. Bob Galt made motion, Gary Knudsen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
2. **Montana Corporation Annual Report** – Executive Director, Pam Smith Wolsey reported the Annual report was successfully filed and PhillCo is in good standing with the state.
3. **PhillCo Annual Report** – Pam Smith Wolsey gave a recap on PhillCo’s accomplishments in 2021 as noted in the Phillips County by the Numbers 2021 chart below. Pam also presented the PhillCo by the Numbers 2021 Infographic created from the chart. This infographic will be posted on the PhillCo website.

PhillCo By the Numbers 2021					
Activity	Year	Comments	Applied	Pending	Awarded
<b>Grant Writing</b>					
MEDA Mini-Grant	2021	Malta/Phillips County Marketing Vignettes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
CDBG Phillips County	2021	MBIDD Planning Activities Prep for TEDD (Award ~Sept2021)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
ARPA Competitive Grant 2021	2021	Buffalo Trail Water District (Award ~Sept2021)	\$ 368,625.00	\$ -	\$ -
DNRC RRGL Planning Grant	2021	Buffalo Trail Water District (Award ~Dec2021)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
USDA Meat/Poultry Readiness	2021	Pekovitch Meats (Award ~Sept2021)	\$ 199,969.00	\$ -	\$ -
USDA Meat/Poultry Readiness	2021	Hi-Line Packing (Award ~Sept2021)	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
ARPA Ag Infrastructure Grant	2021	Pekovitch Meats (Award ~May 2022)	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$ 860,594.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 232,000.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL AWARDED + PENDING : \$ 277,000.00</b>		
<b>MBIDD Management</b>					<b>Amount</b>
MBIDD	2021	DEQ Subdivision Resubmittal (est DEQ + Engineering fees)			\$ 22,042.16
<b>Community Fund Project Commitment</b>					<b>Amount</b>
Phillips County Montana	2021	CDBG Planning Grant Match for TEDD (Sept2021/Sept 2022)			\$ 10,000.00
			<b>Total \$ 10,000.00</b>		
<b>Storefront Beautification Grant</b>				<b>Project Costs (Total)</b>	<b>SFB Amount</b>
Northwest Realty	2021	New Signage		\$12,304.00	\$ 2,500.00
<b>1 Business Total</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,304.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Job Creation/Retention</b>			<b>Type of Jobs</b>		<b>Number</b>
Hi-Line Packing	2019-2021	new (total to date FT + PT, 5 grant eligible)			9
			<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>

Pam also presented additional comments on some of the PhillCo accomplishments for 2021 as noted in the Phillips County 2021 Recap (attached)

4. **Election of Directors** –Discussion to re-elect all returning directors Shane Anderson, Jackie Sorlie, Marko Manoukian and Bruce Christofferson. Bob Galt made motion, Gary Knudsen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
5. **Certificates of Recognition for the following businesses:**

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- 6.** No amendments to by-laws were requested.
- 7.** Meeting adjourned. Bob Galt made motion, Kourtney Simanton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.



## **2021 PhillCo Board of Directors Business Meeting Minutes**

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Board of Directors present: Kourtney Simonson, Bruce Christofferson, Bob Galt, Jackie Sorlie. John Demarais for Bonnie Wiederrick and Gary Knudsen.

#### **Election of Officers**

Officers (President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer) are 1 year terms. All officers for 2021 were nominated for 2022 terms. Gary Knudsen made motion, Bruce Christofferson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

#### **Adjourn**

Jackie Sorlie made motion to adjourn, Kourtney Simanton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned