

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Directors
Solomon Valley Economic Development, Inc. (SVED)
June 20, 2019**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SVED was held at the Porter House, Basement Meeting Room, Beloit, Kansas on June 20, 2019. Members and guests attending were, to-wit:

Board: Mark Palen, Jim Gates, Gene Pestinger, Gaylene Sorell, Robert Lampert, Tom Claussen and Julia Rabe.
Members & Guests: Jason Rabe, Terry Bailey, Maci Hancock, Kollette Keeten, Kelsey DeWitt, Andrew Niewald, Janet Hesting, Kent Miller, John Cashatt, and Heather Hartman.
Officers Present: Curt Frasier, Robert Davis and Mike Thompson.
Officers Absent: None.
Board Members Absent: Lydia Housh, Ryan Duskie, Larry White, Brent Cunningham, and Harry McGrath.

Minutes of April 18, 2019 were approved as forwarded by mail and email. Please note that due to a meeting room scheduling issue, there was no May meeting held last month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report prepared by Robert Davis was follows:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Heather Hartman gave her monthly report.

Heather reported that we were not selected to be an Ecommunity recently. She spoke about the destination boot camp needs funding and she has applied to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for possible funding to send individuals from our area.

Heather informed the members she has obtained the curriculum for the *Network KS Youth Challenge Entrepreneur* program. She plans on attending a day workshop on the program next week. This is a program geared for Jr. High through Tech College students. This can be taught in school, through a business, service organization or an afterschool program. This entails the starting of a proposed business by individuals, a sanctioned event is conducted with displays of the individuals and a cash prize is awarded to the winners. She will reapply for this program this next year. The cost is \$1500.00 for the program to be conducted in our area but she received the material for free if there is interest to do so in our area.

A grant has been submitted to the *Dane G. Hansen Foundation* for a Hazardous Household Waste Grant for our area. The local NCRS planning offering a Hazardous Household Waste collection in September free of charge if funds are received to conduct this program.

Heather reported on the Housing Rehab program for the City of Beloit. There will be a meeting held on June 26th that all interested parties need to attend at 2pm at the Beloit Municipal Building Basement. This program plans for 2 demos and 8 rehabs. The target area surrounds the West Side Park area.

Heather informed the members of new businesses and additions to current business operations. Megan Eubanks, a dentist from Concordia has recently purchased Gil Specht's Beloit dentist office practice. Finn Kool has recently added powder coating to their business. It was suggested to possibly tour the Finn Kool business in the fall to see what all they offer there.

Heather spoke of Eberle Studios developing a recruitment video for businesses and the chamber to use about our area. It is planned to use a family viewing the different sites in our community. This video will be less than 2 minutes in length.

Heather introduced the three interns in Beloit this summer. The two SVED Interns were introduced, Maci Hancock and Kollette Keeten. Maci is from Mankato and is a business major working on her master's degree from FHSU. Kollette Keeten is from Phillipsburg and is majoring in graphic design from FHSU. The City of Beloit intern is Kelsey DeWitt who is in here third year at KSU of majoring in Architecture. She is working on signage, Chautauqua Park and development plans for the ballpark.

Maci reviewed with the group a study she conducted for the possibility of establishing a co-working space for remote workers to use in our area. This can be for people who live here or visit here, just want to collaborate with others.

Maci visited about empty building spaces. Efforts are being made to develop a flyer to post on those buildings.

Maci informed the group they would be attending a Youth Entrepreneur Workshop in Manhattan next week.

Maci reported she and Kollette are working on a membership guide as SVED/BID being 60 years old this year. They are also developing a Facebook page. Kollette passed around possible new logo ideas for the members to review.

Heather Hartman visited about the co-working spaces available in our area. She passed out pictures of ideas that could be developed in our area. These could be key entry and can be used like a membership, one day use or even shared with other communities to use their co-working spaces.

TOURISM: Kent Miller reported on Tourism. He stated the 8-Man Football game and its Friday Night Lights went well. Super 8 was sold out and had to turn away 27 parties. Backyard Lodge was full as well. They sold the video of the players to about half of the families. Lucille is working on the Little Red School House (LRS) being open during the Farmer's Market on Wednesday evenings. The LRS was open for the 8-Man event for the families to visit.

Next event up for Tourism is the Lakefest at Waconda Lake on July 6th. There will be a Fun Run, Dueling Pianos, Beer Garden and Fireworks put on by the Camping Club and the Beloit Chamber of Commerce.

Next year will be the 35th year of the All Star 8-Man game in Beloit.

SOLOMON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Curt informed the group that Colleen Eberle has been hired to be director of the foundation. He added August 1, 2019 is the deadline for the next round of application for grants. If anyone is interested in applying, please apply before August 1st.

LEADERSHIP MITCHELL COUNTY: Curt reported they are currently taking applications for Class XX. Class will be filled soon.

CITY OF БЕЛОIT: Jason Rabe reported the train tracks are currently being repaired downtown. There will be road repair starting on West Main and other areas in town once the weather cooperates. Kelsey DeWitt the City's Summer Intern has been working on plans for Chautauqua Park and the Sports Complex. There will be a meeting regarding improvements at the Sports Complex in July.

MITCHELL COUNTY: Tom Claussen reported to the members they lost two bridges due to the recent rains and lots of roads repairs now needed. The County is currently working on improvements in their human resources for the employees.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: There will be a Chamber Patio Party to be held for young adults ages 21-39 at the Porter House on June 20th. Another downtown event called a block party will be held on July 19th to celebrate the new speaker system. There will be a ribbon cutting at the event.

STRATEGIC DOING: There will be upcoming meetings regarding Chautauqua Park and the City of Beloit on the evening of July 30th.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2019 at the First National Bank Community Room, North Mill, Beloit, Kansas 67420. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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