

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

August 15, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SVED was held at the North Central Regional Planning Commission Basement Meeting Room, Beloit, Kansas on August 15, 2019. Members and guests attending were, to-wit:

Board: Lydia Housh, Mark Palen, Jim Gates, Gene Pestinger, Gaylene Sorell, Robert Lampert, Tom Claussen, Julia Rabe, , Ryan Duskie, Larry White, Brent Cunningham, and Harry McGrath.

Members & Guests: Heather Hartman, Lucille Heller, Amanda Horn, Jason Rabe and Colleen Eberle.

Officers Present: Curt Frasier, Robert Davis and Mike Thompson.

Officers Absent: None.

Board Members Absent: None

Minutes of July 18, 2019 were approved as corrected and forwarded by mail and email.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report prepared by Robert Davis and presented to the members.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Heather Hartman gave her monthly report.

INTERN REPORT: Interns Maci Hancock and Kollette Keeten spent 400 hours working in Mitchell County. They assisted with 8-Man Week, Little Red School House Logo, LRS Volunteer List and visited Masonic Temple Co-Working Space. They set up an Instagram account, hosted a Young Professionals Block Party, a Patio Party and a Beloit Chamber of Commerce Party. Kollette Keeten worked additionally on wayfinding signage, Lakefest, Little Red School House Covers and City of Beloit Brochure and SVED Brochure. Kelsey DeWitt, Intern for the City of Beloit conducted a survey on Chautauqua Park, a potential new building, playground, fishing dock, splash pad, dog park as possible upgrades and Sports Complex upgrades, new signage and a pocket park.

The Youth Entrepreneurship program is seeking funding and should know the results next month.

Co-Working Spaces options were discussed with the members. This would be a space where individuals could rent for the day, week, month, etc. to use office space, internet, have meetings. Heather informed the group of what the possible rates would be. A possible location was discussed to be considered. No action taken at this time.

Heather passed around the new SVED Brochure for the members to review.

Heather indicated the County Commissioners approved the Neighborhood Revitalization Program again this year. She will assist in this process by asking all cities and school districts for their approvals.

TOURISM: Lucille Heller discussed tourism projects. Waconda Lake Camping Club sponsored a kids day with 50 kids attending. Lake level is high. KDWOP are replacing some concrete near the visitor's center at their cost. There will be Ghostly Hayrack Ride on October 12th. It is hoped the Waconda Replica will be done in October. Lucille Heller stated there is a wish list for next year's Lakefest with a Larger Building/ Shelter House at Osage Park.

Lucille is involved in the Limestone Coalition group along with Terry Bailey who is on the Marketing Committee.

Lucille stated that Charlie Mears asked if our county fair could be put on state advertising.

Lucille is helping Julia Rabe of the Chamber of Commerce with Millapalooza. There will also be a celebration on September 8th Asherville, Kansas 150 Anniversary. She is also assisting at the Little Red School House.

SOLOMON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Curt informed the group that there are 18 applicants with \$109,000.00 in requests and \$50,000.00 available to disburse for projects. He reminded the group that November will be match funds again.

LEADERSHIP MITCHELL COUNTY: Curt reported that Class XX has been chosen. There will be a picnic on August 24th at Waconda Lake to kick off the class. Lucille Heller is assisting with this event.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Julia Rabe, Director of the Beloit Area Chamber of Commerce spoke about the upcoming Millapalooza event set for September 7, 2019. There will be a winewalk and beer garden along with the car show. King Midas Band is to perform in the evening.

MITCHELL COUNTY: Tom Claussen reminded the group that if property owners are included in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and they do not keep their taxes paid current they are not eligible to renew for the next year and are out of the program.

CITY OF GLEN ELDER: Ryan Duskie reported to the group that new entrance signs have been placed at the entrances to Glen Elder.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2019 at the North Central Regional Planning Commission Meeting Room, 109 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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