



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 ~ 7 am

Hanigan Board Room, TVCC, Ontario, Oregon

Members and guests present: Sandy Hemenway, Ken Bishop, Mike Hanigan, Patrick Nauman, Randy Griffin, Bob Komoto, Charlotte Fugate, Adam Brown, Ronald Verini, Melody Goodman, Ken Hart, Stacy Pittman, Kyle McCauley, Alan Massey, Ed Susman, Cathy Yasuda, Dana Young, and Jill Miles.

Staff: Kit Kamo, Executive Director

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chairman Patrick Nauman called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m.
2. Introductions of Attendees: Chairman Nauman then thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting given the snowy weather conditions. We then went around the room and everyone present introduced themselves and the business or entity they are representing.
3. Approval of December 7, 2016 Board Minutes: Chairman Nauman asked if everyone had a chance to read and review the December 7, 2016 board minutes that were sent out. Chairman Nauman then asked if anyone had any questions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Chairman Nauman asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Hanigan made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Ken Bishop. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Financial Update: Treasurer Sandy Hemenway went over in detail the financial handouts for the month of December discussing balances at the end of the month in both the checking and money market accounts, and then totals for month end. She reviewed the income received for the month and went over expenses. Sandy said we had no activity at the Visitors Center for the month and did state that health insurance costs would go up in 2017. After Sandy's detailed explanations, Chairman Nauman asked if anyone had any questions on the financial report. Hearing none, Patrick then asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report as discussed and presented. Ken Bishop made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed and presented, seconded by Mike Hanigan. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Approval of the 2017 Budget & Work Plan: Chairman Nauman said that in our packet of monthly information was a draft SREDA Operating Budget for 2017. It also contains actual information from 2013 through 2016 for comparison purposes. The group then reviewed and discussed the draft budget with attention paid to increased medical insurance costs. This amount will raise from \$358 per month to \$805 per month as SREDA must now secure insurance on our own. A question was asked if we tried to secure insurance via the Ontario Chamber and the answer was yes, but we did not qualify. Kit Kamo then reviewed the budget in detail. Chairman Nauman then asked if anyone had any further questions or concerns regarding the 2017 SREDA draft operating budget. Hearing none Chairman Nauman asked for a motion to approve the 2017 SREDA Operating Budget as presented. Ken Bishop made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Sandy Hemenway. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Kit handed out the SREDA Work Plan for discussion and review. Kit stated it highlights a marketing plan for our region, both locally and globally. Also, certain grants require a board approved work plan. After discussion, Chairman Nauman asked again if anyone had any further questions or concerns regarding the 2017 SREDA Work Plan. Hearing none, Chairman Nauman asked for a motion to approve the 2017 SREDA Work Plan. Mike Hanigan made a motion to approve the work plan as presented, seconded by Ron Verini. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Business/Community Update:** Ken Hart, St. Alphonsus Vice President, made a presentation regarding the School District 8-C upcoming possible bond initiative. Ken is chairman for the work group which has been working on district facility solutions for several months now. Ken presented the group with an 8-C School District Bond Option which would raise \$28 million in total - \$24 million from local tax payers and \$4 million from the State of Oregon. Ken then reviewed what had been done in the past, the various phases and why this plan is critically important to the district and city of Ontario. Ken then reviewed what improvements each of the district buildings would be receiving which included the High School, Aiken, Alameda, May Roberts and Cairo grade schools. The Middle School would receive no improvements under this proposal as it was recently updated with the last bond passage. Ken then reviewed the last page of the handout showing how the bond would be paid for. It is estimated the local cost would be approximately \$1.16 per thousand of assessment for a \$100,000 home, or \$9.67 per month, or \$116 annually. Then after 2027 it would increase to \$1.50 per thousand. Either way, this plan must meet the district needs for the next 20 years. Ken also pointed out that of the three phases, approximately 75% of the cost will have went for educational classrooms and 25% for athletics. Ken also noted that most likely the state match of \$4 million would expire in May 2017.

**City & Community Highlights:**

- a. **Fruitland:** Mayor Ken Bishop stated not a lot going on in Fruitland right now but the city has been working on the oil and gas integration and discussing effect and process within the community. He did say that building is still taking place in Fruitland which is always extremely positive.
- b. **Payette:** Councilman Alan Massey said the city continues to work on the strategic and comprehensive plans which is going well. The City also is still working on grants for downtown improvements and will continue focusing on economic development. They are trying hard to have more citizen involvement.
- c. **Ontario:** City Manager Adam Brown said that the upcoming Waremart opening is a positive thing for the city. The opening is scheduled for around March 1<sup>st</sup> and they are hiring via their web site right now. Adam then discussed the possible sewer and water rate increases and the public forums they have held. He also discussed economic development and working with the Ontario Chamber and the Rural Development Initiative (RDI).

Charlotte Fugate said a ribbon cutting would take place soon on the much improved Competition Building downtown. The makeover was outstanding.

- d. **Nyssa:** No one was present from the City of Nyssa so no report was given.
- e. **Weiser:** Patrick Nauman gave the report for the City of Weiser and said the old saleyard property has received final approval. This will now be developed over two to three years into an RV Resort for all types of camping, including tent camping. The facility will include landscaping, walking paths, and docks along the river. These amenities will be open to for public use as well. A great improvement for Weiser. They will now begin working on the water and sewer to this property this month. Patrick discussed a few other projects that are in the works and stated the Mann's Creek Store and Café has now reopened and doing very well. They will be adding an outdoor area in the future.

Patrick gave an update on the upcoming solar eclipse which will take place on August 21, 2017. This is a very big deal and the City of Weiser is planning for multiple events to take

place over a three to five day period. Many community events and festivals will be scheduled.

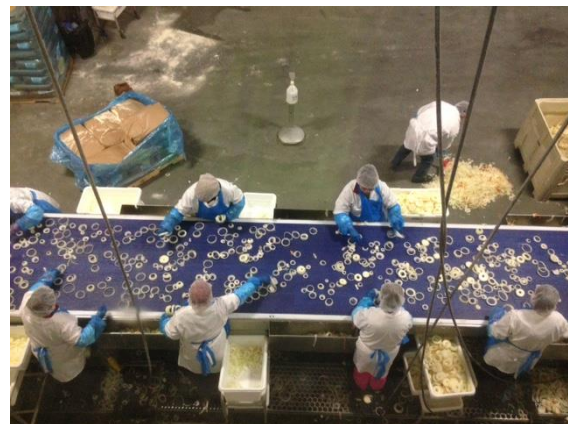
- f. New Plymouth: No one was present from New Plymouth so no report was given for New Plymouth.
- g. Vale: No one was present from the City of Vale so no report was given for Vale.

7. **County Highlights:**

- a. Payette County: Fruitland Mayor, Ken Bishop, gave a brief update for Payette County. Ken said they are in discussions again to see if local dispatch services for the three cities can be improved.
- b. Washington County: Patrick Nauman gave a report for Washington County. Patrick stated that Project Neighbor was moving forward with financing and that Project Adam is looking at purchasing some property.
- c. Malheur County: No one was present from Malheur County. However, Ontario Mayor Ron Verini did use this time to discuss the City of Ontario’s budget dilemma. Either they have to find new revenue enhancements or begin cutting essential services like police and fire. Ron wanted the group to know the Council has discussed a possible 1% to 2% sales tax but no decisions have been made. This is a sensitive issue but one that must take place.

8. Executive Director Report: Kit began her monthly report by thanking President Young for today’s meeting room on the TVCC campus. Due to the roof and building damage to the Weese building, TVCC quickly relocated the meeting into the Science Building. Kit then reviewed her packet of information starting with the SREDA report card of activities showing the number of leads that were responded to (by quarter), site visits, and other business development activities.

Kit discussed multiple projects that she worked with in December including Project Bear 2, Project Neighbor, Project Single, Project Stanton (Fry Foods), Project Vera and Project Arrowhead. 3 of these above mentioned projects involved site visits. Below are photos of the visit at Fry Foods with Kit accompanied by Malheur County Judge Dan Joyce, and Business Oregon’s Jill Miles. Fry’s had just recently finished processing mozzarella cheese sticks and were doing onion rings during the tour.



She then discussed some upcoming trade shows she will be attending including the Pacific Northwest Food Processors annual show in Portland with Team Oregon Food Processing group; The SHOT Show (Shooting, Hunting & Outdoor Trade) held in Las Vegas and SREDA teaming

up with the Idaho Dept of Commerce; and the Fancy Food Show in San Francisco teaming up with Team Oregon again.

9. Round Table Discussion: Jill Miles, Lead Recruitment Officer with Business Oregon, was present and gave the group a brief update of what has been going on. Jill stated that we have seen much more activity in 2016 in Malheur County than in many years before. Any company asking for 100 acres or more, she is encouraging them to look over here in our area. Jill then discussed the reorganization that her office will most likely go through under Governor Kate Brown and the potential reduction in their agency's budget.

Ed Susman with Worksource Oregon, also known as the local Employment Department, discussed Waremart's hiring as well as the local unemployment rate for Malheur County that is at 5.1% - Oregon's unemployment rate is at 4.6% for December 2016.

10. Adjournment: Chairman Patrick Nauman then adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m. Our next meeting will be held on February 1, 2017 at Vale City Hall.

Minutes prepared by Randy Griffin, SREDA Secretary

#### **Calendar of Events**

January 9-11, 2017	NW Food Processors Show – Portland, OR
January 16-20, 2017	Shot Show – Las Vegas, NV
January 22-24, 2017	Fancy Food Show – San Francisco, CA
<b>February 1, 2017</b>	<b>SREDA Monthly Board Meeting, 7a.m. – Vale, OR – Vale City Hall</b>
February 5-8, 2017	Advanced Manufacturing Expo – Anaheim, CA
February 8-9, 2017	Food Processors Show – Sacramento, CA
<b>March 1, 2017</b>	<b>SREDA Monthly Board Meeting, 7a.m. – Meechan's – Payette, ID</b>
March 9-13, 2017	Natural Products Show – Anaheim,

**\*\* All SREDA Monthly Meetings are open to the public\*\***