



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Weiser Train Depot, Weiser, Idaho
October 4, 2017 ~ 7 am

Board Members & Executive Board – Patrick Nauman, Sandy Hemenway, Ken Bishop, Dan Cummings, Dan Greig, Mike Hanigan, Andy Oyervides, Jeff Williams, John Breidenbach, and Rick LaHuis
Members and Guests Present – Melody Goodman, Dennis Baughman, Bob Komoto, Georgia Hanigan, Nate Marvin, Rob Ruth, Jennifer Huff, Laurel Adams, Laura Gross, Wil Overgaard, Michael Bergquist, and Layna Hafer
Staff - Kit Kamo, Executive Director for SREDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chairman Patrick Nauman called the meeting to order at 7:07 a.m.
2. Introductions of Attendees: Chairman Nauman thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting. Multiple communities were once again represented. All found their way today to the beautifully restored Weiser Train Depot. Patrick thanked the Weiser Architectural Preservation Committee for donating the space today; Weiser Memorial that provided the coffee; and D & L Coffee who made the delicious muffins. Patrick also said that he brought the Chobani Yogurt and Clif Bars to represent Idaho made items that may, in the future, utilize the product that Intrinsic Organics will be producing.

We then went around the room and everyone present introduced themselves and the business or entity they were representing.
3. Approval of September 6, 2017 Board Minutes: Chairman Nauman asked if everyone had a chance to read and review the September 6, 2017 board minutes that were emailed 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 received and presented. Dan Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes, 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 September discussing balances at the end of the month in both the checking and money market accounts, and then totals for month end. She went over the income and also reviewed expenses for the month commenting on certain ones as she presented the financial information. After Sandy's review and 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 Dan Greig. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Annual Meeting – the annual meeting will be, Thursday evening, November 9, from 6:00-7:00 pm. It will be held at the TVCC Weese Building Board Room (the old president's boardroom) and a delicious pasta bar dinner will be served for \$10. We will have an update on our area. Three board of director positions will be up for election at the annual meeting, one Business position, one At Large position, and one Public position. In order to run for the 3 year term, the candidate has to be a SREDA member in good standing (paid member). Please let us know if you are interested in being nominated. Also, we will not hold our normal monthly meeting which would have been on November 1, 2017 as there will be a

short board meeting following the annual meeting. During this meeting, the board will elect the officers for the year. The annual meeting is open to the public - PLEASE RSVP via email, phone call, or Text to Kit at 208.230.5214 for the dinner.

6. City and Community Highlights:

- a. Fruitland: Mayor Ken Bishop said that the crossing arms at the end of Main Street onto Pennsylvania Avenue have been installed. This is a continuation of the city's downtown improvement projects and really looks nice as well as much safer. There are several construction projects including a 36 unit apartment complex and several commercial developments being built in town.
- b. Payette: Mayor Jeff Williams said that they have been working on street, water, sewer and hydrant projects. They have a new Library Director. He also announced that Friends of Payette have donated a \$4,000 match for the Payette Pool's hot tub renovation and lift. Jeff mentioned the challenges a mayor faces that are not readily visible to the public.
- c. Ontario: Dan Cummings, Community Development Director, reported that Ashley Furniture was back remodeling at the mall. The owner is still settling to get the roof done on the rest of the mall. The city council passed the 1% sale fee to help offset the \$900,000 deficit coming in June of 2018. The sales fee allows for the thousands of visitors and workers that come to Ontario to help pay for the city's infrastructure demands and expenses for amenities used rather than solely by the residents who live here. Dan also talked about the tree clean up on East Idaho Avenue. Many of the trees have become diseased and are dying.

John Breidenbach, Ontario Area Chamber invited the group to attend the Chamber luncheon on October 30, 2017, noon at the Clarion Inn, where the Eastern Oregon Visitors group will be presenting on the 175th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail. The chamber would like a strong turnout for this event. John also updated the group on their efforts with Agri-tourism in the county and region (across the river).

- d. Weiser: City Councilwoman Layna Hafer reported that there were 3 council positions on the ballot and 6 candidates running for those 3 positions. So they are anticipating some changes. There has been some activity out along US 95 with rezoning and beautification of that corridor. Downtown improvement activities continue with the Old Idaho National Bank Building. Another new and successful business is the dog washing – they have been very busy. The economic development task force is focusing on workforce development. They are collaborating with schools and businesses. It has been hard to recruit employees. They are meeting with Idaho Dept. of Commerce and the Idaho Employment representatives at their next meeting.

Jennifer Huff, Weiser Chamber invited everyone to their annual Awards Banquet October 16, at 7 pm - \$20. Each table is decorated by a business. The decorations are used as door prizes. Patrick added that there will be a Murder Mystery Dinner for the Arrow Heart Adventure camp at the Vendome. And that the city has been updating their city corners for ADA compliance.

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

8. County Highlights:

A. Payette County: County Commissioner Georgia Hanigan said the county continues to work with Partners Produce and Ida-Pack on their rebuilding and expansion projects.

B. Washington County: County Commissioner Nate Marvin reported that Intrinsic Organics, formerly Project Neighbor, has job listings posted on their website - \$13-\$15/hr.

C. Malheur County: No report was given for Malheur County but Dan Cummings shared that he was headed to the County Court meeting today as they will be selecting lists of people for the Governor's economic development committee that will help the county be more competitive.

9. Executive Director Report: Executive Director Kit Kamo began her report by going over the SREDA report card (attached) for 3rd quarter activities. She then reviewed various activities as found in her printed report:

PROJECTS: September started out with a roar with Project Runway. Following our board meeting, Kit was on a private plane flying into the Pelican Point area of the Owyhee Reservoir to meet with Malheur County Sheriff's office, BLM, and private pilots. The topic of discussion was the deteriorated runway that is owned by the State of Oregon, but has been maintained by local pilots and county folks. At this point the runway needs serious dirt moved to build up and then set at a grade for a safer runway for planes to land. The limiting factor at this point is the access road has washed out. Although several locals have come forward to repair the road, they are hesitant because the road transects a WSA. We met with BLM to discuss the 3 options for accessing the airport with heavy equipment to fix the runway. Those included equipment being brought in by helicopter, barging equipment up the reservoir, and fixing the road so that equipment can be brought in. At this stage, the only feasible and available option is fixing the road. We have written a letter to get the process moving forward and get it done as the weather is perfect for that type of work.

We have been working with the City of Payette in looking at project Hotel. We are still working on the project but have found some issues that have slowed the work down. Project UK is an international food show looking at some interesting sources of food such as pumpkins and onions. Project Panic is a company from California that made a site visit to the area. This lead came from one of our board members. We assisted by sending potential sites, state incentive and program materials and locating some builders that would be willing to do a build to suit. The company, at this time, favors the Nampa area. We have also given a heads up to both the Nampa ED and the Caldwell ED directors. However, we are still working on this project and hoping they will continue to look west! Project Red Rock is a great new project that is home grown and addresses a local farming concern. TVCC SBDC, local economic development and others have also been assisting this project. The project has not selected a site, so we have continued to meet with them and give them suggestions. They favor the Vale and Nyssa area at this time.

Kristen has met with Nyssa Chamber, the city and some citizens on Project Explore. She also has been meeting state, regional, local individuals on Agri-tourism, working on the 175th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail and helping develop a local committee to promote these activities in 2018.

OTHER: Kristen received a scholarship to attend the Idaho Heritage conference in Boise. She will be sharing some of the down town module information with those interested. She also learned about grants and fund raising.

Kit met with the Idaho PTAC (government procurement assistance program) and caught up on the latest information. They assist private businesses in getting government contracts and each year provides a conference where the business can meet face to face with numerous governmental entities.

Kit and Commissioner Hanigan attended an all-day conference with consultants on EDA district configurations that may be of interest to the now defunct Sage (formerly Idaho-Ore) participants. EDA had commissioned consultants out of the University of Nevada for this project.

Kit and Kristen, along with several other local participants, met with a group from the University of Oregon who have been studying new ideas for supporting Eastern Oregon's New Natural Resource Economy. For their report they had interviewed many folks from throughout the 10 Eastern Oregon county area. However, they really didn't have any notable feedback from our area. They are working closely with GEODC (the EDA development district from the Hermiston area that also covers Malheur County).

Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson visited Vale and Kit was able to attend. He made a great presentation.

ANNUAL SREDA MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2017 – Dinner \$10 – Please let Kit or Kristen know if you can make it!

10. Round table discussion –

John Breidenbach, while working at the Quality Inn, had the opportunity to visit with the new owner of the Farewell Bend Hotel and gas station project. The hotel will be a Quality Inn and the project is scheduled to get underway.

Rick LaHuis has a tenant for the restaurant pad in Fruitland at their new business park. "Spread Woodfire Eatery" is planning on opening early December. The wood fire is from Italy. They will have a varied menu with American and Ethnic foods, as well as beer, wine and liquor. Rick also reported that he has received a number of calls, mostly from local businesses, interested in leasing the rest of the building spaces.

Melody Goodwin talked about the Payette County Challenge, Oct 15. It is like the Amazing Race, and one of the sites is Farmers Mutual Telephone. The teams have a chance at winning \$600.

Nate Marvin mentioned the Ace hardware store with a 20% off sign in the window. More info regarding that business will be released later.

Dan Greig reported that the American Legion, 301 Iowa Street in Payette would be having a pancake feed.

Jeff Williams and Georgia Hanigan talked about the Founders Day fund raiser at Scotch Pines to upgrade their sprinkler system.

A Weiser high school freshman is doing a fund raiser for a program to honor a Veteran and/or military hero of the year award. This will be a concert.

The next SREDA meeting will be held December 6th, 7 am at the Payette Senior Citizens Center – several requested breakfast burritos!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 am. Followed by networking and visiting.

Calendar of Events

October 4, 2017	SREDA Monthly Meeting – Weiser Train Depot
October 4, 2017	Region III Manufactures Day – Ford Center, Nampa, ID
October 17-19, 2017	IEDA – Nampa, ID
October 19-20, 2017	Idaho Commerce Rural ED Pro Training
October 22-24, 2017	OEDA – Lake Oswego, OR
Nov. 9, 2017	SREDA ANNUAL Meeting – TVCC Weese Board Room – Monthly meeting to follow – RSVP please to Kit/Kristen
Dec 6, 2017	SREDA monthly meeting – Payette Senior Center, Payette Idaho

Minutes prepared by Kit for Randy Griffin, SREDA Secretary (who was excused to go hunting) ☺