

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 1, 2017 ~ 7 am

Vale City Hall, Vale, Oregon

Members and guests present: Sandy Hemenway, Ken Bishop, Mike Hanigan, Patrick Nauman, Randy Griffin, Bob Komoto, Charlotte Fugate, Adam Brown, Ronald Verini, John Breidenbach, Stacy Pittman, Jeff Williams, Rick LaHuis, Dan Cummings, Georgia Hanigan, Art Hanigan, Jeff Stubbs, Bill Buhrig, Mike McLaughlin, Lynn Findley, Don Hodge, and Catie Bennett.

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 thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting as the turnout again, in spite of the snow, was very good with multiple communities represented. Everyone found their way to Vale. We then went around the room and everyone introduced themselves and the business or entity they are representing.
3. Approval of January 4, 2017 Board Minutes: Chairman Nauman asked if everyone had a chance to read and review the January 4, 2017 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. Ken Bishop made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Ron Verini. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Financial Update: Treasurer Sandy Hemenway went over in detail the financial handouts for the month of January discussing balances at the end of the month in both the checking and money market accounts, and totals for month end. She then reviewed the income received for the month and went over expenses commenting on certain ones as she reviewed the financial information. After Sandy's thorough 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. Jeff Williams made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed and presented, seconded by Ken Bishop. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Business/Community Update: Jeff Stubbs, Manager of Jamieson Produce, gave a presentation to the group on behalf of Jamieson Produce. Jeff has been in the business for over 30 years. He then discussed the difficult and unforeseen year the onion growers, packers, etc. are experiencing this year. Jeff explained how even though the packers are all competitors, they all stick together and have an alliance to help each other out in tough times like this. If one of the packers building or line goes down, then another packer for a period of time will pack onions for them to keep growers and buyers moving. Jeff stated the current building conditions and snow loads have caused many other problems for packers also. Roofs must have snow removed and be safe before employees are allowed to work inside the facilities. This has been a time consuming process and all of this has caused concern across the nation on total onion availability and supply. Jeff is hoping the overall onion base will be higher than before after the dust has settled over the recent events. No one is sure at this time how, or if all of the packers, will be back in

business or not. Many concerns to work through here but for now Jamieson Produce is moving forward okay.

6. City and Community Highlights:

City Highlights:

- a. Fruitland: Mayor Ken Bishop said he did not have much to update the group on at this time. Right now snow has been on the minds of everyone and city crews have been inundated with major workload. Mayor Bishop did say though that some infrastructure projects are still moving forward. Some new housing plans and a couple of businesses.
- b. Payette: Mayor Jeff Williams said he, as mayor, has had numerous phone calls from city citizens regarding snow concerns and comments running the gamut. Right now the mayoral duties are requiring a lot of time. However, in light of all of this the city did approve its revised Strategic Plan which will help guide the city moving forward. They are still working with structural engineers regarding the safety of city buildings which simply takes time to work through.
- c. Ontario: City Manager Adam Brown said that the recent snow fall has put the city in a critical mode of operation as the city has now lost multiple buildings from heavy snowpack and snow removal from the buildings and city streets being a major problem. House Representative Cliff Bentz has organized a meeting for everyone to attend that may need any type of assistance with insurance, rebuilding, refinancing, etc. It will be held at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in two different sessions. Charlotte Fugate with Revitalize Ontario said the city will be holding meetings preparing for the eclipse this summer. The group met in December but had to cancel the January meeting due to weather. However, they will be meeting again on February 15th.
Dan Cummings with Ontario City Community Development and Planning said things are slowing down right now. Waremart is scheduled to open very soon but most of the efforts have been placed on helping businesses with snow load and safety, trying to be very proactive. Dan did say a representative from DEQ was in town yesterday and the discussion centered on how to dispose of all of these old materials, and where.
Ontario Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director John Breidenbach did say that throughout this local disaster, many absentee property and building owners have come to town for the weekend. Also, many snow removal crews are staying locally which is boosting the local economy. Work is progressing in front of the old Kmart building and the owner of the Big Five building is working on some possible retail tenants. John then discussed the RDI initiative which will be an economic road map for the city going forward. They will be presenting to the Chamber on February 13th with a meeting that night also.
- 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 managing snow, which has been terrible in Weiser, has taken center stage. Ridley's market will hopefully be opening this Thursday in its new temporary location, the old Kings Building. It will have no deli inside the temporary store, so Ridley's will be bringing

in a food truck to handle deli operations for now. Once the snow melts, work will begin on a new facility which plans are right now for this to be 60% larger than the collapsed store. This will be great for the City of Weiser. Also, Ridley's started a free delivery service for Weiser residents transporting groceries from its Middleton store and delivering them free of charge in Weiser. On the economic development front, Project Tractor, an RV Resort, is closing on the property and will begin to move forward once the snow melts.

John Breidenbach mentioned that SREDA should send a thank you message to Weiser Memorial Hospital for the great job they did stepping up and helping the total Weiser community by leasing Ridley's the Kings Building. The hospital had just about completed total renovations on the building to relocate many of its current operations into, but recognized this overall need, and again gracefully stepped forward. Kudos to them!!

- f. New Plymouth: Stacey Pittman, a New Plymouth resident, provided a brief update for the city. Stacey said the car lot property project is moving forward and she also discussed the city park and possible improvements to that. Otherwise, like all of us, the city is removing snow like crazy. They have now filled all of the local canals and fairgrounds property. Also, the fairgrounds has had some building and roof damage too.
- g. Vale: City Manager Lynn Findley said the city has been in the snow removal business now for some time and was in a critical stage. Mayor Mike McLoughlin said removing snow on downtown buildings has been a priority. The city did lose The Slipper, a historic building, downtown recently. The city smartly partnered with BLM and the local irrigation district to help with snow removal. Currently they are hauling snow out of town to empty lots as well as the rodeo grounds. Overall things are progressing well. City manager Findley has lead the charge. Right now this is a total group effort to help save as many Vale assets as they can. Also, the City now must begin preparing for possible flooding after the thaw.

Community Highlights:

- a. Patrick Nauman discussed the eclipse meeting scheduled in Weiser. Patrick then passed around a fact sheet on the "Eclipse Fest 2017" to be held in Weiser on Thursday August 17th through Sunday August 20th. The fact sheet listed all possible events. Patrick also stated they are about through with the logo design.

7. County Highlights:

- a. Payette County: County Commissioner Georgia Hanigan discussed some of the items Payette County has been meeting and working on. They centered on District Health, DEQ, and Emergency Management issues. They are very concerned with all of the down buildings creating land fill issues. Hopefully, DEQ can relax some of the requirements.
- b. Washington County: No report was given for Washington County.
- c. Malheur County: County Commissioner Don Hodge discussed all of the County's snow issues and how grateful he is with the road crews who have all been working twenty four seven. If you see any of these folks please thank them for a commendable job well done. Thank goodness we have had no major accidents to

date. Dan Cummings mentioned the State of Oregon building code requirement for roofs in the state have to withstand a minimum of least 20 pounds per sq. ft., with the local cities using 25 pounds per sq. ft. They are hopeful after this event that the state will raise code requirements. Next Don said he was thankful the past US President did not designate the Canyon Lands to become a monument.

8. Executive Director Report: Kit began her January 2017 monthly report by handing out a written report on the trade shows and talking about various projects SREDA is working on.

Trade shows on the hand out included the Pacific NW Food Processors show in Portland with Team Oregon; the Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade (SHOT) Show in Las Vegas with Idaho Dept. of Commerce; and the Fancy Food show in San Francisco with Team Oregon and OSU's Food Innovation & Technology group.

- The Oregon show, now referred to as the NW Food & Beverage World, had a great turnout in spite of the snow that hit during the show with 450 booths. This show has grown over the years and is expanding to include food and beverage processors in addition to the processing manufacturers and suppliers.
- The Shot Show was of course was huge with over 65,000 in attendance (2nd highest attendance in the history of the show). We partnered with Commerce on a booth and a reception. Regrettably this is Commerce's last year in doing a booth at Shot Show. The firearms and related industry is booming and is expected to continue to be very strong.
- The 42nd Annual Winter Fancy Food show included more than 80,000 different specialty foods and beverages from around the world involving 1,400 companies. Team Oregon volunteers walked the show meeting with prospective companies. In addition to this, OSU Food Innovation and Oregon Dept. of Agriculture were able to set up "Incubator Alley" which consisted of new Oregon companies and showcased their products. This was a huge hit. Several states do state pavilions, but Oregon has not. This was a great way to highlight the successful small food and beverage businesses in the state. Kit reported that she visited with several Oregon & Idaho companies at the show and found another company very interested in the organic pumpkin seeds.

From Kit's regular written report:

From the Mountain Home Economic Development - our local business "In the Ditch Towing" will be premiered on Blue Collar Millionaires hosted by Tim McGraw tomorrow at 8:00 pm on CNBC! <http://www.idahostatesman.com/news/business/article129687574.html>

Historically significant weather events for our region – Governor from Oregon has declared a State of Emergency for Malheur County. Governor from Idaho has signed a snow-related State Disaster Declaration for Washington and Payette Counties. We continue to visit with SBA and other federal agencies regarding funding opportunities for businesses in our area. Each County has set up a location to gather information on damage and needs for individuals and businesses (contact your county sheriff's office or county Assessor's office for more information) as well as websites and Facebook sites.

Project updates – Project Stanton (Fry Foods) – Company site visit and tour with Judge Dan Joyce and Business Oregon Recruitment Officer Jill Miles; Project Tractor (Weiser) – checking on data for potential grant opportunities; Project Bear 2 (south of

Fruitland) – working with Labor, Commerce, and Company on potential expansion, training programs and apprenticeship programs; Project 1000 – gathering & submitting data with partners to the state; Project Home – need analysis and data gathering for potential project; Project Pumpkin – met with new company at trade show interested in getting organic pumpkin seeds & locally, met with growers on 2016 activities in Idaho to gather data; and Project Arrowhead – providing assistance for expansion activities.

OTHER - Letter of support for TVCC for the technical career center grant application. Gathered regional data for citizen’s group meeting with an outside interest. Met with the new president of the Four Rivers Association of Realtors to develop an action plan of how to better locate available land and buildings in our region. Met with Idaho Power rep to discuss marketing partnership opportunities for SREDA & Idaho Power as well as training needs.

9. Round Table Discussion:

Catie Bennett, with SBA Administration from Boise, was present to discuss recent issues with emergency disaster financing/funding. Catie stated that the governor has pushed to help obtain Federal SBA dollars with loans at 2.5% for up to three years to help with rebuilding, etc. Catie and the SBA represent the six eastern Oregon counties and Idaho - who can be linked together for Federal funding assistance.

Bill Buhrig with the Malheur Extension Service stated that despite the snow, there will be a growing season and his office is gearing up for training classes as usual.

Mayor Jeff Williams then explained to the group about the upcoming Onion Growers meeting and that he thought someone from SREDA should be present to lend support and let them know about the SBA resources. Jeff will take the lead on this issue and meeting.

Mayor Williams then stated that Payette has been selected to host the Idaho Governor’s Capital for the Day event on Friday February 10th. The Governor and his cabinet will be present and plan to stay all day. A public announcement will be forth coming.

10. Adjournment: Chairman Patrick Nauman then adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m. Our next meeting will be held on March, 2017 at Meechan’s in Payette, ID.

Calendar of Events

February 5-8, 2017	Advanced Manufacturing Expo – Anaheim, CA
February 8-9, 2017	Food Processors Show – Sacramento, CA
March 1, 2017	SREDA Monthly Board Meeting, 7a.m. – Meechan’s – Payette, ID
March 9-13, 2017	Natural Products Show – Anaheim, CA
April 5, 2017	SREDA Monthly Board Meeting, 7 am - Weiser

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

Minutes prepared by Randy Griffin, SREDA Secretary