

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meechan's Briq Haus Grill, Payette, Idaho

March 1, 2017 ~ 7 am

Members and guests present: Sandy Hemenway, Ken Bishop, Patrick Nauman, Randy Griffin, Bob Komoto, Charlotte Fugate, Adam Brown, Ronald Verini, John Breidenbach, Jeff Williams, Dan Cummings, Georgia Hanigan, Torie Ramirez, Nate Marvin, Tom Hemenway, Kevin Coats, Brad Holland, Doug Lamm, Tim Heinze, Beth Earles, Kalyn Hochstrat, Barbara Wilson, Carmen Runner, Laura Gross, Craig Jensen, Andy Oyervides, Jim Birdsall, Ed Susman, Rob Fry, Dan Greig, Darrell Childers, Nancy Dale, Alan Massey, and Holly Hames.

Staff: Kit Kamo, Executive Director

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chairman Patrick Nauman called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
2. Introductions of Attendees: Chairman Nauman thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting as the turnout was a full house with multiple communities and businesses represented. We then went around the room and everyone introduced themselves and the business or entity they are representing.
3. Approval of February 1, 2017 Board Minutes: Chairman Nauman asked if everyone had a chance to read and review the February 1, 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. Dan Greig made a motion to approve the minutes, 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 February 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. Sandy mentioned that membership dollars from Malheur County, Red Apple, Argus, and Weiser Classic Candy had been received this month. Revitalize Ontario, our newest member, brought their check to the meeting and presented it to SREDA. 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. Ken Bishop made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed and presented, seconded by Andy Oyervides. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Business/Community Update: Andy Oyervides with Teton Machine in Payette, Idaho, made a presentation to the group. Andy began by explaining the history of Teton Machine which started in 1984 and some of what they do. He also explained the company is working on an expansion with a new 30,000 sq. ft. building. The company products can be made from aluminum, plastic, and various exotic metals with no welding involved. This is all done with computerized machinery. The company has strived for automation in lieu of labor and they have completed a huge investment in the required technology. The company is now competitive with many overseas operations like China. The company is 100% employee owned and employees approximately 40 individuals.

After the expansion, a few more employees will be hired. The company's current market consists of the Pacific Northwest plus California, Utah, Canada and even Germany. Andy next explained why the company choose to expand its operations in Payette versus somewhere else. It came down to a trained local workforce and the company had already purchased land next door for expansion. Also, importantly, the City of Payette was extremely accommodating in helping to keep this business in Payette. Teton Machine plans on a grand opening early this fall around September.

6. City and Community Highlights:

City Highlights:

Fruitland: Mayor Ken Bishop said they are digging out from winter that was tough for everyone. Planning and Zoning has been meeting and the fifth phase of the Woodgrain expansion is moving forward. The Mayor also mentioned the improvements to the first block of Pennsylvania Avenue which will be funded by the City.

Payette: Mayor Jeff Williams said business in Payette has been slow mainly because of winter and numerous building problems however, things are starting to pick up again. The City is still working on the updated strategic and comprehensive plan. The Mayor then discussed activities around the museum and the 100 year centennial event in Payette County. Jeff also mentioned a fund raiser at the Eagles Lodge for the Payette community alliance.

Councilman Alan Massey then discussed the upcoming eclipse and educating the community. Payette plans to prepare with Weiser on various events.

Councilman Craig Jensen then informed the group of the Syringa breakfast event fund raiser coming up shortly to raise funds for youth.

Ontario: Mayor Ron Verini began by letting the group know that Waremart a division of WinCo Foods will be opening tomorrow, Thursday March 2nd. Also Starbucks will be locating in a portion of the building being constructed between Burger King and McDonalds. The council just completed a strategic planning session and the Mayor wanted everyone to know that a state insurance agency will be in town on March 7th-8th between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss collapsed building problems as the community had over 51 collapses due to the severe winter. Economic Development Director Dan Cummings said the city is working with new businesses and also working to retain businesses. Currently the City has two complete business rebuilds, the Jackson Shell Convenience Gas Station near the old mall is investing over \$2M dollars and soon McDonalds near the old Kmart building will be completing a total rebuild too.

Ontario Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, John Breidenbach then discussed more information on the eclipse and Global Village and indicated all hotel rooms are now booked. Charlotte Fugate with Revitalize Ontario then mentioned the upcoming chocolate walk fundraiser and that the group is working on an Ameri-Corp Grant.

Nyssa: No one was present from the City of Nyssa so no report was given.

Weiser: Patrick Nauman said the city will soon have a new full service restaurant which will be located in the former Ridge Rock location with an opening date in April. Also, a couple of displaced businesses have found new locations and have expanded. No news on the bowling

alley yet but the Ridley's Grocery store did relocated into the old Kings building thanks to Weiser Memorial Hospital. Patrick then mentioned the upcoming 41st crab feed fund raiser and the city plans an appreciation barbeque on June 3rd for everyone that helped out this winter shoveling snow, etc. They expect to feed between 1,200 and 1,500 folks. Patrick ended his update by reviewing some the eclipse events like the Idaho Wine Commission and Microbrew Fest to be held in the city park during the eclipse festivities.

New Plymouth: New Plymouth Mayor Beth Earles stated the city has had interest in one business expansion and some outside of town. They are currently working on repairs to city hall in the old fire bay. It is being upgraded to be used as the City Council Chambers and meeting room. The city did a great job with snow removal, but it really has been a rough winter.

Vale: No one was present from the City of Vale so no report was given.

#### 7. County Highlights:

Payette County: County Commissioner Georgia Hanigan discussed that the P & Z and county commissioners looked at refining the county's planning and zoning process for certain businesses where a zone change and a comprehensive plan revision could be held jointly to speed things up. They hope that this will be more efficient in some cases.

Washington County: County Commissioner Nate Marvin mentioned a new company, Sun Spuds, which is moving forward with getting the property up and going in the county. He also discussed some FEMA dollars which could potentially benefit several community folks. He mentioned that project Adam, an industrial company, is still actively looking at Washington County to relocate.

Malheur County: No report was given for Malheur County as no one was present.

8. Executive Director Report: Executive Director Kit Kamo's report is attached to the minutes this month.
9. Round Table Discussion: Chairman Nauman began by discussing the need to raise more dollars to support extensive SREDA activities including dollars for trade shows and a full-time assistant.

Torie Ramirez then mentioned that Zion's Bank will be hosting an International Trade Forum in the Boise downtown office which is free with a contact from Zion's Bank. Please let Torie know if you are interested.

Dan Greig with Farmers Mutual Telephone then discussed the new Idaho 986 area code prefix number coming in September. This will supplement the existing 208 prefix code. Beginning in September you will have to dial the full ten digits for all business and local personal calls. The 986 code will be an overlay of the 208 number and will not be state area specific like in Oregon.

Jim Birdsall discussed possible various grants and loan funds businesses could apply for. If you are interested please see Jim or Kit.

Kyle McCauley with Cascade Gas also mentioned they have foundation grants available to non-profit groups. The application cutoff date is October 2017 with actual dollars awarded beginning next year. For more information, you can contact either Kyle or Kit.

Adjournment: Chairman Patrick Nauman then adjourned the meeting at 7:53 a.m.

Our next meeting will be held on April 5, 2017 in Weiser at the Vendome building.

### **Calendar of Events**

March 8, 2017	Global Outlook for Idaho Ag Exports, Boise, ID
March 9-13, 2017	Natural Products Show – Anaheim, CA
March 16, 2017	Treasure Valley Community College – Town Hall Vision Session, 6 PM, Four Rivers Cultural Center – cosponsored by the area Chambers of Commerce
April 5, 2017	SREDA Monthly Meeting, Vendome, Weiser, Idaho

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

Minutes prepared by Randy Griffin, SREDA Secretary  
Kit's report attached

### **Other dates:**

Mar 1	Business Oregon infrastructure meeting with Ontario & airport
Mar 4-5	Boise Outdoor Recreation Show
Mar 8	SREDA presentation Ontario Rotary noon
Mar 9-14	Natural Products Show in Anaheim with Team Oregon Food Processing
Mar 17	SREDA presentation Malheur County Community Services Monthly meeting 9
April 1	Lyle Lovette in Boise for the Vintage MX races at OMC
April 4-6	IEDA meeting Pocatello
<b>April 5</b>	<b>SREDA Monthly meeting Weiser Vendome, 7 am!</b>
April 24-25	Malheur County budget hearings