



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lifeways, Ontario, Oregon

May 3, 2017 ~ 7 am

Members and guests present: Sandy Hemenway, Ken Bishop, Patrick Nauman, Randy Griffin, Bob Komoto, Rick LaHuis, Charlotte Fugate, Adam Brown, Georgia Hanigan, John Breidenbach, John Dillon, Ryan Kerby, Annette Serrano, Dennis Baughman, Judy Cordeniz, Ray Miller, Carrie Broyles, Cathy Yasuda, Tim Heinze, John Foster, and Amy Stahl.

Staff: Kit Kamo, Executive Director

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chairman Patrick Nauman called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m.
2. Introductions of Attendees: Chairman Nauman then thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting. Multiple communities were represented. Everyone found their way to Ontario. We then went around the room and everyone present introduced themselves and the business or entity they are representing.
3. Approval of April 5, 2017 Board Minutes: Chairman Nauman asked if everyone had a chance to read and review the April 5, 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. John Breidenbach made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Bob Komoto. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Financial Update: Treasurer Sandy Hemenway went over in detail the financial handouts for the month of April discussing balances at the end of the month in both the checking and money market accounts, and then totals for month end. Sandy told the group SREDA has \$19,000 in our checking account, \$50,564 in our Money Market account for a total checking and savings balance of \$69,564. She also mentioned that SREDA has had several renewal memberships including: Nichols Accounting, Saint Alphonsus, Columbia Bank, Bob Komoto, Kohn Foods, Red Apple, Argus Observer, Weiser Classic Candy, and 4 Rivers Association of Realtors. New member: Valley Family Health. She then 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 Dennis Baughman. The motion passed unanimously.
Chairman Nauman then let the group know that under our income sources budget for private contributions we currently set at \$15,417 with a budget of \$35,000. Therefore, we have five months to make up \$20,000 to reach our budgeted goal. Also, Malheur County approved \$1,000 for this year. Kit will also be meeting with Washington and Payette Counties very soon.

5. Business/Community Update: Judy Cordeniz CEO of Lifeways in Ontario, OR provided the group with the business update for the month. Judy stated that Lifeways currently has 310 employees and is growing. Lifeways offers all types of behavioral health services many of which she commented on. Also, Lifeways is the largest behavioral health provider in Eastern Oregon with multiple locations spread out from Hermiston, OR to Nampa, ID. Judy then explained how excited she was for Lifeways to open a new sixteen bed psychiatric and medical facility this fall in Hermiston, OR. Judy reviewed the history of Lifeways and said they started as a residential treatment facility and have expanded greatly since then. She then discussed the multiple licensing requirements necessary both at the State and Federal levels to operate such facilities. They are complicated. Lifeways is very active in all of the communities they serve and currently belong to six different chambers of commerce. Judy then stated that everyone should try one of their mental health first aid classes and get the benefits of taking the class.

Ray Malone then mentioned that May is mental health month and that one in five individuals have some sort of mental health issues with depression being number one. Ray then discussed suicide issues with Idaho being in the top five. Also, days of worker lost productivity is huge, however treatment works!

Judy then stated Lifeways is hoping to rebuild the recovery center in Ontario once the Hermiston project is completed and reviewed some of the facts about the center. Judy concluded her presentation to the group by letting everyone know that Lifeways also plays a large role in loss of life situations for individuals and work place settings.

6. City and Community Highlights:
 - a. Fruitland: Mayor Ken Bishop said spring has continued to bring a lot of building development to Fruitland both residences and businesses. Ken discussed the Woodgrain expansion development with the rezone and variance issues. Currently the city is waiting on new building plans. Also, the new park and splash pad are progressing very well and should be ready for summer. The South Pennsylvania street project bids have gone out. This is an expensive street project estimated at around 2.5 million dollars to provide curb, gutter and sidewalk for the improvement.
 - b. Payette: It was noted that the new dental facility will host an open house on May 19th and the annual Apple Blossom Festival starts next week.
 - c. Ontario: City Manager Adam Brown said the City of Ontario is seeing a lot of potential business prospects and building permits have been high. Next week the city will tackle next year's budget hearings and process. Also over the next month the community has multiple community events planned, too numerous to mention all of them, with twelve events alone on May 6th. Please check the Ontario Chamber of Commerce website for a listing of all events. The Revitalize Ontario chocolate walk fundraiser is this weekend and will have over 22 separate stops.
 - d. Nyssa: No one was present from the City of Nyssa so no report was given.
 - e. Weiser: Patrick Nauman provide the monthly update for the City of Weiser. Patrick told the group that Weiser's newest restaurant, The Anglers, is now open for business.

Anglers is located on State Street by K Hardware and provides full services including catering. The old sale yard property, Project Tractor, should begin next month by clearing ground. They hope to have this land cleared for dry camping in time for the Eclipse Event in August. This project will really clean up the down town area providing camping and river access complete with paths and boat docks. Patrick then said a Mexican restaurant is looking at a location in Weiser and a new retail business is looking out near Bi-Mart. Also, an existing business is looking to expand by another 8,000 sq. ft. in the downtown area. Patrick closed by discussing the Weiser Signal American Idaho Tourism Guide stating it will be coming out very soon. The first run will be 20,000 copies. If you are interested please contact quickly.

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

7. **County Highlights:**

- a. Payette County: County Commissioner Georgia Hanigan said that Partners Produce will be rebuilding and expanding which is very good news. Georgia did say that a lot of buildings in Payette County were lost to the heavy snow load this winter and many of them will not be rebuilding. If this is the case, these businesses need to contact the county assessor soon to have property values lowered. FEMA has not come through, however the SBA will provide small business loans at reduced rates to help businesses rebuild.
 - b. Washington County: Patrick Nauman gave a brief update for Washington County. Patrick then discussed Project Adam which is the old Sunny Side Feedlot and that they are starting to clear ground for the project, however building will not take place until 2018. Once completed this business will have approximately forty employees. Patrick then expressed kudos to Midvale for their recently completed fund raising project to renovate the city park. They managed to raise \$10,000 in one day and matched funds for a total project improvement budget of \$20,000. Congratulations to Midvale!
 - c. Malheur County: No report was given for Malheur County as no one was present.
8. Executive Director Report: Executive Director Kit Kamo began her report reviewing the 2017 SREDA Report Card quarterly activities. She then discussed Project Chipotle which had originally been looking at the Nyssa area but will now locate on highway 95 South of Parma. Next Project Kit discussed was a recycling company that was scheduled to open this summer. This company will recycle all types of objects. Kit then talked about Project Hereford in the New Plymouth which will be expanding to a barn type facility. They handle quality merchandise for country girls and are strictly a boutique store. Their merchandise is found in 80 stores nationwide & in Canada. Kit then discussed several other projects including two in the Ontario area. One may be a data center and the other is a manufacturing business needing rail services. Kit then discussed the Idaho visitor's center and stated that SREDA receives a \$25,000 grant to operate and manage the center. Currently we have a staff of five and will be opening right before Memorial Weekend, seven days a week, 10-6 each day. It is free to have your brochures, etc. on display for travelers to review.

Lastly, Kit mentioned SREDA, through the City of Fruitland, has applied for a \$20,000 grant from the State. The grant is to help match local dollars in rural areas to help with economic and business development.

9. Round Table Discussion: Cathy Yasuda, TVCC Executive Director, provided the group with information about the Foundation and the annual Pops Concert this Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the FRCC. If you would like a table up front they are still available. Cathy then mentioned that this Monday will be the Treasure Valley Tech Centers high school graduation event. This is an end of the year celebration with surrounding high schools participating, Ontario, Vale, Nyssa and Payette. Currently, three strands are offered. The Foundation will also host its garden tour in June with four gardens on display in Vale, two in Fruitland and two in Ontario. It is a fun event for all. Cathy closed by telling the group of the upcoming Treasure Valley Basketball father and daughter prom.

Amy Stall with St. Luke's Hospital discussed the new hospital to open in Nampa on October 1, 2017. This will be an 87 bed full service facility. They will hire 400 new employees.

Lastly, Chairman Nauman reminded the group to not forget the eclipse event which will be on August 21, 2017 as we are now expecting around 300,000 visitors that day in Malheur, Payette and Washington Counties. The event itself will last 2 minutes and 55 seconds with about 1 hour and 17 minutes leading into it. Remember to purchase your glasses. The Weiser Schools are selling them as a fund raiser.

10. Adjournment: Chairman Patrick Nauman then adjourned the meeting at 8:05 a.m. Patrick then stated our next meeting will be held on June 7, 2017 at the New Plymouth City Hall beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Calendar of Events

May 3, 2017	SREDA Monthly Meeting – Lifeways, Ontario, OR 7 a.m.
May 9, 2017	Idaho Rural Professional Grant application due
May 23-25, 2017	Pacific NW Regional Economic Conference, Bend, OR
June 7, 2017	SREDA Monthly Meeting – City of New Plymouth, City Hall
June 8, 2017	OEDA Summer Conference – Florence, OR

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

Minutes prepared by Randy Griffin, SREDA Secretary