



**SREDA Board Meeting
December 3, 2019**

Treasure Valley Community College, Board Room, Ontario, Oregon

Directors, Members & Guests present:

Patrick Nauman, Jeff Williams, Rick LaHuis, Cathy Yasuda, Adam Brown, Larry Hogg, Ken Hart, Dan Cummings, Georgia Hanigan, Andy Oyervides, Dan Greig, Bob Komoto, Jennifer Huff, Dana Young, Angie Goodwin, Alicia Cavazos, Charlotte Fugate, Corey Evan, Blas Guerra, Ed Susman, Andrea Testi, Scott Fairley, Jan Padgett, Carl Melle, and Tobin Dixon
Staff: Kit Kamo, Executive Director & Jessica Mallard, Bookkeeper

1. Chairman Patrick Nauman called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m. Patrick welcomed everyone to the Tuesday morning meeting.

2. Introductions of Attendees: Chairman Nauman asked everyone present to introduce themselves and the business or entity they were representing. This month's meeting was held at the TVCC Board Room. The room was decorated and festive in true Christmas spirit. We enjoyed coffee, juice, frittata, scones, homemade banana bread, and fresh fruit salad compliments of Cathy Yasuda, TVCC Foundation and TVCC catering. Chairman Nauman announced and welcomed the newest member of SREDA, Boise State University, Carl Melle, to the meeting.

3. Approval of the October 23, 2019 Annual Membership Meeting and Board Minutes: Chairman Nauman asked if anyone had any questions or corrections to the minutes as emailed out. Hearing none, Chairman Nauman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Andy Oyervides made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dana Young. The motion passed unanimously. Approval of the October 1, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes: Chairman Nauman asked if anyone had any questions or corrections to the minutes as emailed out. Hearing none, Chairman Nauman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Adam Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dan Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chairman Nauman then asked for the Financial Report which was presented by Larry Hogg, as Sandy was out of town. Larry went over the financial snap shot for the month of November discussing balances at the end of the month in both the checking and money market accounts and total for month end. Income for the month was \$100.00 – this included monthly membership Red Apple. Chairman Nauman then asked if anyone had any questions on the financial report. Hearing none, a motion to approve was made by Bob Komoto and seconded by Rick LaHuis. The motion passed unanimously.

5. City and Community reports:

City of Payette: Mayor Jeff Williams reported that the Payette City Council has four new positions coming on in January. The city attorney has completed the roles and responsibilities for the city's elected officials and the council will be having training soon. This weekend, Santa is coming to town along with the Payette Fire Department's annual chili feed.

City of Ontario: Manager Adam Brown said they received a grant of \$132,000 for the TV Connector Trail that goes by the college campus along Park Blvd. That will be Ontario's first multi-purpose trail. The City is doing a Way Finding study to define a brand name for



the City and they are also doing a downtown drop-in study. The City has approved doing a Tiny Home pilot project for the homeless. They also have a warming shelter. Adam also reported they have a 5 million dollar grant to do 2 projects at the airport to benefit the TVCC Fixed Wing program and the hanger expansion. They will extend broadband and sewer to the airport.

Adam gave an example of how the city council has been very responsive with requests. A petition came from the community asking for a cross walk on the west side of Alameda to the east side for the elementary school children. The council quickly approved that action to take place.

Brown also reported that there will be some remodeling of sidewalks with “bulb-outs” similar to what you see in Fruitland, as well as some paving in the downtown area. The bulb-outs should make it safer, with narrower areas to cross the road.

Dan Cummings reported that there have been 68 land use actions, with ½ related to marijuana, 1/3 related to the hemp industry and most of the rest are small business activities. He also said that he has been wading through all the new federal codes and redoing the city codes to meet the new requirements.

City of Weiser: City Councilman Larry Hogg updated the group that Weiser is starting to issue residential permits. Unfortunately there is more demand than supply. He reported that Randy Hibberd was elected as the new mayor. Randy has held various board positions in the community and is currently on the city council. Larry also mentioned several updates on local businesses such as Domino’s are hiring, Ruzoni’s is adding breakfast and a bakery, plus the newer operations of 2 Farm Wives and Oh Fudge.

Weiser Community: Jennifer Huff, Executive Director of the Chamber, reported that this week is the Festival of trees at the Vendome; Friday night is the Christmas light parade starting at 6 pm and the lighting of the Christmas tree; on the 6 & 7 is the Wonderful Life Radio Show and Victoria’s Singers; on the 8th is the Jokers and Jesters at the Senior Center at 7 pm. Also there will be a band concert at the high school.

Vale Community: Jane Padgett reported that Vale will be having their Christmas Tree Lighting in the park this Friday at 5:30 pm.

No reports for the cities of Fruitland, Nyssa, or New Plymouth.

6. County:

Payette County: Commissioner Georgia Hanigan reported that the county has released an RFP for their comprehensive plan.

Washington County: Patrick reported that the county is working on a job description for a new P & Z director. Meanwhile they are having the City assist them with planning and zoning activities.

Malheur County: No report given.

7. Executive Director Kit Kamo:

2020 Budget and Work Plan drafts were presented to the board. There was discussion and the board and members were asked to submit their suggestions and recommendations to Kit or Patrick prior to the January meeting where the budget and work plan will be adopted.

Kit included a written report in the board packets (**please see attached report**). She reviewed the proposed trade shows and events for 2020 as well as updated the group on a number of new and existing projects. Kit has been working with several companies, big and small, looking at doing expansions, as well as new businesses moving to the area.



8. Round Table Discussion:

Charlotte Fugate, Revitalize Ontario, reported that they are busy with the Art for Ontario project that involved covering the traffic utility boxes with art using area artists. The boxes will be wrapped with vinyl. They will be doing a call for artists soon.

Dana Young, TVCC President, updated the group that December 5th was their Holiday Concert and that the recent Turkey Trot, a fund raiser for the X country team, was a big success. She went on to update that the CTE building remodel will hopefully have a January groundbreaking. Petra was awarded the contract. The original building will have a major over haul and then an additional 12,000 sq feet will be built. Dana wanted to let everyone know that TVCC, in partnership with BSU, will be having a national speaker talking on Homelessness and Hunger in 2020. TVCC's nursing program is good and they are looking for a new Director of Nursing (master's degree required).

Scott Fairley, Business Oregon Development Officer, talked about their business finance programs for rural Oregon. They have a great program that includes a forgivable loan which focuses on small rural businesses. He said that Colin Sears, Recruitment Officer, is planning on a visit in early 2020, hopefully with a client. The Governor's Regional Solutions Team is having an open house December 12th in La Grande from 9 am – 2 pm. The team consists of all the state agencies such as Business Oregon, DEQ, Land Use, ODOT, and more. The public is invited to stop by say hi and visit with these folks. Scott also mentioned that he will be working with Euvalcree on the Latino business outreach in our area. And finally the Eastern Oregon Border Board's grant and loan program is being reviewed by the Justice Department and should be out early in 2020. Adam Brown added that Scott had set up a one stop shop for the city on a couple of projects and Adam was very impressed that they met with all the possible agencies and funding sources on 2 projects. The group was very responsive.

Ken Hart, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, stated that they have partnered with TVCC's nursing program and he is very impressed with the program. He also said that they have a \$950,000 remodel of the pharmacy that will be in the original part of the 1911 portion of the hospital. The Ontario Chamber has selected Saint Alphonsus for their Partner of the Year Award! And Ken proudly announced that the CMS (federal) Stars Rating (1-5) for hospitals has just been announced. Boise, Nampa, and Baker all received a 4 star rating and Ontario received the coveted 5 star rating! Only 6.4% of hospitals in the US ever get a 5 star rating. Congratulations Saint Alphonsus Ontario!!

Jane Padgett, Four Rivers Healthy Community member, invited everyone to their annual breakfast at 7:30 am at the hospital's Snake River Room and she also talked about the Help Them To Hope concert on Sunday. The Four Rivers Community Foundation endowment is a regional and has successfully raised the required \$25,000. We are the first to have a true "community foundation".

Carl Melle announced to the group that Boise State University President, Dr. Marlene Tromp, is launching a Community Impact Program initiative to serve rural communities



in Idaho. Communities for this pilot project, set to launch in fall 2020, include McCall, Mountain Home, and Payette. The purpose of this grow-your-own initiative is to connect students to educational opportunities through online learning with in-person community-based experiences in Payette. The program is expected to provide additional pathways to bachelor's degree programs for students who have completed a program at local community colleges. This will help students build on the valuable skills they have already gained at a community college so that they can further their career or grow their own business in the community. The next step is for the community to select representatives who will develop a program with Boise State that helps meet local workforce needs. Carl Melle with Extended Studies is the liaison to Payette.

Bob Komoto, Four Rivers Cultural Center, announced that Friday night is the Donor Appreciation dinner and the Halcyon show. Halcyon will put on an acrobatic show. December 10th is the Nutcracker with the Eugene Ballet; the Christmas Light show is ongoing. Stop by, tune into 93.5, and watch the musical light show; and February 1 is the Center Ball Fundraiser.

Patrick Nauman added that on December 19th everyone should watch NBC as Miss Idaho will be vying for the Miss America title in Connecticut. This year's Miss Idaho is Grace Zimmerman from Weiser. The last time a Miss Idaho won the Miss America pageant was in 1962 or 64 according to Patrick.

Patrick announced that the next meeting location will be determined, but it will be on the first Tuesday of the month, January 7th. He also said that he would encourage anyone who might like to host a meeting or something in particular you'd like to see, please let Kit or he know.

9. Adjournment: With no other business discussion, Chairman Nauman then adjourned the meeting at 7:59 a.m. and networking continued.

Minutes prepared by Dan Greig and Bob Komoto, Co-Secretaries.

2020 – Tentative Calendar

January 7	SREDA Monthly Meeting – 7 am TBA
Jan 20-24	Shot Show – Las Vegas
February 4	SREDA Monthly Meeting – 7 am TBA
Feb 4-9	Pacific NW Sportsmen Show – Portland
Mar 2-3	Idaho Housing & Economic Development Conference - Boise
March 3	SREDA Monthly Meeting – 7 am TBA
Mar 18-22	Road to the Horse – Lexington, KY
April 7	SREDA Monthly Meeting – 7 am TBA
Apr 28-30	MRO Americas, International Aviation trade show, Dallas, TX

All meetings are open to the public