



**SREDA Board Meeting  
April 3, 2019  
Waffleberries, Weiser, ID**

Board Members & Membership Board – Patrick Nauman, Andy Oyervides, Rick Watkins, Larry Hogg, Sandy Hemenway, Ken Bishop, Dan Greig, Dan Cummings, Bob Komoto, Craig Jensen, Jeff Williams, Ken Hart, Kyle McCauley, Alicia Cavazos, Angie Goodwin, Jennifer Huff, Georgia Hanigan, Lisa Collini, John Stuart, Blas Guerra, Layna Hafer, Sandra McKee, Travis Evenden, Steven Hale, Jenny Hemly, and Brian Zoeller

Special Guest: Director Tom Kealey

Staff: Kit Kamo, Executive Director for SREDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chairman Patrick Nauman called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. Patrick welcomed everyone to the early morning meeting and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the wonderful breakfast buffet offered by Waffleberries.
2. Introductions of Attendees: Chairman Nauman asked everyone present to introduce themselves and the business or entity they were representing.
3. Approval of the March 13, 2019 Board Minutes: Chairman Nauman then asked if anyone had any questions or corrections to the March 13th minutes as emailed out. Hearing none, Chairman Nauman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dan Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Larry Hogg. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Financial Update: Treasurer Sandy Hemenway presented the financial information. She went over in detail the financial snap shot for the month of March discussing balances at the end of the month in both the checking and money market accounts, and then totals for month end. She then reviewed the income and expenses for the month with the group. Receivables were from Red Apple, Zions, Argus, and Subway. Private Grant dollars received were from Idaho Power for Marketing the PNW Sportsmen Show. Chairman Nauman then asked if anyone had any questions on the financial report. Hearing none, Larry Hogg made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed and presented, seconded by Bob Komoto. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Chairman Nauman asked if Idaho Department of Commerce Director Tom Kealey would like to tell us what is happening at Commerce. Director Kealey has been on the job 11 weeks. He has been doing community outreach to get a feel for the views across the state. His background is in financial accounting. He and his wife own Chicago Connection Pizza. The Director reported that the economy of Idaho is



still booming. The issues seem to be workforce availability, housing, internet speed and availability. He said that the innovation to develop small modular nuclear reactors to provide carbon neutral and affordable energy could boost Idaho's economy in the future. Commerce also supports tourism, international trade and technology transfer and innovation, and developments in cybersecurity. Director Kealey also introduced Jenny Hemly, the Business Development connection from his department to our region.

6. Chairman Nauman introduced Steven Hale, Weiser Memorial Hospital, who summarized the last 3 years of progress at the hospital. They have 4 teams working on improving their mission, vision, outreach and services. There are 114 employees working at the facility. They recently upgraded their CT machine. It can scan 80 slices up from their previous machine of only 8. This will allow them to check for strokes, and they are able to do echo stress tests. They now have a family medical clinic and have added staff. They have a new ER position open and they are encouraging efforts for more housing in the Weiser area and encouraging staff to live in Weiser.

7. City Highlights:

Fruitland: City Administrator Rick Watkins reported 5 new single family housing permits issued, a 36 unit apartment complex permit issued, a remodel of Treasure Valley Academy is moving forward, and a Ry West triplex and office building permit was issued. The city is moving forward on the lift station for East 1<sup>st</sup> Street which will cost about \$340,000. The ground has been broken on the new Subaru Auto Ranch facility along US 95, St. Luke's Respite House is under construction, and the city will be submitting a grant to the state for the upgrade and improvements on NW 7<sup>th</sup> and NW 9<sup>th</sup> streets, both of which enable businesses to expand.

Payette: Council member Craig Jensen reported building permits for 30 lots in the Montessa subdivision, 40 new single housing permits for a 55 and older subdivision. The Payette hotel is wrapping up and a new VFW building is in construction where the old Joe's Club was located. April 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday, at 1 p.m. there will be a rededication of the Payette Post Office to the Harmon Killabrew Post Office. The public is encouraged to attend.

Ontario: City Development Director Dan Cummings said the new splash pad in Ontario should be ready to open before Memorial Day weekend. There will be a new CBD store opening on April 20<sup>th</sup> (420). There will be a Marijuana Fair at the Malheur County Fairgrounds also on that day. The City is working on a 90 unit apartment complex. There were 3 new incentive grants for building new houses. Marshall's store will open April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Nyssa: No report given



Weiser: Councilman Larry Hogg welcomed everyone to Weiser. He continued saying the city is working on 2 street projects. They are resurfacing their pool also. There will be a new hanger at the airport. Waffleberries is building their new restaurant so their current location is just temporary. The Ridley's construction is progressing.

New Plymouth: No report given

Vale: No report given

#### 8. Community Highlights:

Payette: Mayor Jeff Williams reports that the pool repair is finished and it looks great. He invited everyone to stop by and see it because it isn't grimy any more – it is refreshed and spectacular!

Fruitland: Ken Bishop reported that 16th St. will now have crossing arms at the railroad crossing. Spring Fair will be May 11th, the day before Mother's Day. Treasure Valley Academy will have their student lottery April 12th. They are also working on a transportation plan to get students to the Academy.

Jennifer Huff, Weiser Chamber reported that the Weiser Chamber Crab Feed will be April 13 and it is sold out, however they are still welcoming donations. There is the Fireman's Breakfast scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> part of May that is a fund raiser for the Angel Wing group.

#### 9. County Highlights:

Payette County: County Commissioner Georgia Hanigan reported there is interest in the area near Highway 95 and Palisade's Junction. They are working on trying to get the Idaho Department of Transportation to allow for consideration for county access roads for safety.

Washington County: County Commissioner Lisa Collini reported that Ridley's construction will be completed before the Weiser National Old Time Fiddle Festival.

Malheur County: No report given

#### 10. Executive Director Report:

Kit presented the written report found in the board packets along with the updated quarter report card showing the SREDA activities and projects for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019.

Trade Show update:

I attended the 15th Annual Global Pet Expo in Orlando. In 2018, the US Pet industry was over \$72 BILLION. There were 1,164 exhibitors with more than 3,000 new products displayed. It is interesting to see the products for animals that contain CBD oil. Although I was clear across the country, one of the companies that I have met in the past, Portland Pet Food company had a booth. And I also ran into a large animal sales manager from Eagle, Idaho.



*Left are some photos at the Expo including a picture of the free kitties! There were free puppies, ferrets, and other animals available for new homes. None came home in my suitcase (thankfully).*

Projects: (most updates were in last month's minutes, March 13)

Project Salsa – Site visit to the company's new location. This will be a great expansion and modernization of a long time family business. They are subleasing part of their space to 2 other companies as well, Sara Lee distribution and Valley Family Health Care for their mobile unit.



Project Red Rock – provided office space for meetings with the partners and future manager. Project is gaining traction as some of the investors have been secured.

Project Cold – Met with a cold storage company while in California and assisted connecting them with the Malheur ReLoad project.

Other:

Worked with the State is putting together a regional economic development day long tour for the Idaho State Director of Commerce, Tom Kealey. The following businesses will be meeting and visiting with the Director: Teton Machine, Woodgrain, Swire Coca-Cola, Seneca, and Truckstop.com. The Director will also be attending the SREDA monthly meeting and the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

Kit will be speaking at the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce for April giving an update on Economic Development. She will also be speaking at the Ontario Area Chamber of Commerce on May 6.

#### 11. Round Table Discussion:

Dan Cummings reported that there is one hemp processing facility in production and 2 hemp processing facilities in the building stage and 6 others have requests pending.

Ken Hart reports that the Eastern Oregon Border Board has \$5 million in grant and loan funds to use for promoting single family housing, businesses, CTE development and gap financing.

Brian Zoeller, Energy Trust of Oregon, explained how they help with energy efficiency upgrades in Oregon. They do this working with Cascade Natural Gas. If you know of someone remodeling or building please let them know.

Bob Komoto reported that the Four Rivers Cultural Center has a number of ongoing free programs from senior exercise classes and Zumba classes to various art exhibits. Currently in the Harano Gallery there is an exhibit of Malheur County student



art. Opening April 5th will be the Early Childhood Art exhibit. The singer/songwriter series continues in the Harano Gallery April 18th from 7-9 p.m. with Mark Barnes. A rock tribute band, Boston Rock, will perform April 20th at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$10. The ever increasingly popular Children's Theater will perform Aladdin Jr. April 25th. Over 300 kids will be involved in 4 shows. Tickets are only \$5. April 27th will be a Garden Work Party day as part of Serve Day beginning at 11 a.m. in the Japanese Garden. May 11th at 7 p.m. the BYU University Theater Ballet will perform Sleeping Beauty. The Kiwanis Club of Ontario will be installing a new gateway/sign and a Dog Park to the Lanterman Kiwanis Park. The Community Concerts of the Treasure Valley's last concert of this season "6 Appeal" April 5th at 7 p.m. at the Meyer McLean Theater at the Cultural Center. This is billed as the best a cappella group in the world. Season tickets for next season are on sale and if you buy them before the last concert, you can go to this last concert also.

Sandra McKee, City of Cambridge, reported that the city has a shrinking population and they want to encourage economic growth. They are working on infrastructure both water and waste water for extra capacity. They have grants from IDT for sidewalks. The Hells Canyon Days is May 31 and June 1<sup>st</sup> with a car show, art show, barbecue, Bulls & Broncs, and other activities. This event usually draws around 2000 visitors.

Kit reports that the I-84 Visitors Center on the Idaho side will open the weekend before Memorial Day and be staffed 7 days per week. Please get handouts and event flyers out to the center or to Kit.

Chairman Nauman reminded everyone to like SREDA on Facebook and to check in while at the meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be the first Tuesday of May, the 7th at Lifeways in Ontario. May is Mental Health month.

12. Adjournment: With no other business discussion, Chairman Nauman then adjourned the meeting at 7:57 a.m. and networking continued.

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

Calendar of events:

**ALL meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise stated!**

May 7 SREDA Monthly meeting - Lifeways, Ontario

June 4 SREDA Monthly meeting - DL Evans Bank, Fruitland

July 2 SREDA Monthly meeting - Payette Senior Center, Payette

August 6 SREDA Monthly meeting - St. Luke's, Fruitland

September 3 TBA

October 2 SREDA Monthly meeting - Agile Homes, Fruitland

October 15-16 SW Idaho Manufacture's Alliance "2019 Made Here" event (also includes the western Treasure Valley into Oregon)!