



**SREDA Board Meeting
May 7, 2019
Lifeways, Ontario, Oregon**

Board Members & Membership Board – Patrick Nauman, Rick Watkins, Ken Bishop, Dan Greig, Riley Hill, Adam Brown, Dan Cummings, Dana Young, Cathy Yasuda, Bob Komoto, Ken Hart, Kyle McCauley, John Breidenbach, Alicia Cavazos, Angie Goodwin, Jennifer Huff, Georgia Hanigan, Blas Guerra, Karie Boone, Annette Serrano, Orquidea Erickson, Lisa Horzen, Glenn Erhardt, and Tina Newsome

Staff: Kit Kamo, Executive Director for SREDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chairman Patrick Nauman called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m. Patrick welcomed everyone to the early morning meeting and thanked Lifeways for hosting the meeting with all the goodies!
2. Introductions of Attendees: Chairman Nauman asked everyone present to introduce themselves and the business or entity they were representing.
3. Approval of the April 3, 2019 Board Minutes: Chairman Nauman then asked if anyone had any questions or corrections to the April 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 Ken Bishop. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Financial Update: Treasurer Sandy Hemenway was out of town so Chairman Nauman presented the financial information. He went over in detail the financial snap shot 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. He then reviewed the income and expenses for the month with the group. Monthly receivables were from Red Apple, Zions, Argus, and Subway. Annual renewal receivables were from Weiser Memorial Hospital, Columbia Bank, Intermountain Gas, Cascade Gas, and St. Luke's. Chairman Nauman then asked if anyone had any questions on the financial report. Hearing none, Bob Komoto made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed and presented, seconded by Dan Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Business Update: Annette Serrano said that the Boise Lifeways, behind the mall, is up and running, as is the Caldwell Crisis Center. The Caldwell facility is a joint partnership with SW Health District. Glenn Erhardt, Supportive Employment director, talked about his program that assists clients in getting work either full time or part time. In some cases it can be as little as 1 hour per day or whatever works for the employer and employee. He provides support for employers throughout the process. Great opportunity for employers looking for additional workers.



6. City Highlights:

Fruitland: City Administrator Rick Watkins reported that April had 11 new single family housing permits, a 58 lot subdivision that will be located south of Swans and the new Subaru Auto Ranch facility's final plans were approved. This is a \$5 million project. The city also approved striping the tennis courts for pickle board.

Community: Ken Bishop reminded everyone that the Fruitland Spring Fair with a parade, Lions chicken BBQ, and Bull Rider Burnout fundraiser.

Payette:

Community: John Breidenbach mentioned that the Apple Blossom was the following week after the Spring Fair.

Ontario: City Manager Adam Brown reported that the budget was approved by the committee and now goes before the Council. The budget includes funds for downtown revitalization, 2 police officers and trail funds. A grant was received for the first TV connector trail. There is a group working on a Frisbee golf course at Beck Kiwanis Park. The new Chief of Police starts on June 3. New businesses opening were Marshall's, Aubree's, Golden Nuggets, Hot CBD, and Project Glass is up and running. The Splash Pad grand opening will be May 30, at 5:30 pm. The grass runway project is moving forward at the airport.

Community: John Breidenbach announced that the Global Village will be the 1st of June; July 20, they will be assisting to bring back the Airport Appreciation event that Roger Smith had always worked on. John also thanked everyone for the successful welcome party for the Kyle Petty Fundraiser Motorcycle ride. It was a huge success.

Nyssa: No report given

Weiser: Councilwoman Alicia Cavazos reported that the pool has been resurfaced and will open on Memorial Day. There has been a lot of park cleanup and Riddleys is planning on a June opening prior to Fiddle Festival weekend.

Community: Jenn Huff reported that Weiser Community is hosting the District 9 legislators this week at the High School and an evening town hall at 7:30 pm Tuesday May 7th at the High School.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation dinner will be at the Vendome on May 18th. June 1st is the Hells Canyon Days in Cambridge and the Weiser River Music Festival and Fiddle Festival are scheduled for June.

New Plymouth: No report given

Vale: No report given

7. County Highlights:

Payette County: County Commissioner Georgia Hanigan said that she didn't have anything new to report.



Washington County: County Commissioner Lisa Collini is at the AIC meeting in Weiser today as they are hosting it.

Malheur County: Ontario City Manager updated the group on the County's Reload facility and that Union Pacific has given their approval for the hauling the onions.

8. Executive Director Report:

SREDA presentations for this last period included the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, the New Plymouth Kiwanis Luncheon, and the Ontario Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

We had a very successful tour and meetings with the new Idaho Dept. of Commerce Director, Tom Kealey. After our SREDA meeting, we drove around the Sunnyside Industrial Park looking at the existing businesses and discussing the new business; we met and toured Teton Machine; we stopped in and visited the new business, Panic Plastics; we met and toured Woodgrain; we attended the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce luncheon; we met and toured Swire Coca-Cola; we met and visited with Seneca; and we met and visited with the CEO of Truckstop.com.

Kit attended the IEDA Spring conference in Boise, Idaho. She met with Jessica Keys from US Senator Merkley's office. Kit presented the SREDA request to the Malheur County Budget committee. She attended the grand presentation and dedication of the Payette Post Office. She also met with members of the Payette URD.

Projects:

Project Meat – Assisted with a project in Dubois, Idaho, for their industrial park.

Project Load – Trucking cooperative and new employee at the helm.

Project Launch – Met with an online robotics program instructor looking to fill a need. Following up with locations.

Project Red Rock – Finalizing location and financing.

Project Safety – Exploring assistance for fire suppression upgrade for several businesses.

Project Pumpkins – Idaho Dept of Ag with a new company looking for pumpkin seeds.

Project Connect – Local company negotiates expansion and rewards employees.

Project MBS – local entrepreneur's projects relating to value added agriculture in the region.

Letters of support were written to the Malheur County Planning and Zoning meetings for Calico Mines and Jordan Valley Cell Towers (Burns Jct), and for the Eastern Oregon Border Board's occupational licensing between states bill before the Oregon Senate.

9. Round Table Discussion:



Riley Hill mentioned that Cathy Yasuda had written a grant to the Workforce group and had received the grant.

TVCC College President Dana Young reported that the college is moving forward with the CTE Grant for the new building. Because of the federal part of the grant, with the government shutdown and the “snow” in Seattle, the process has been slowed down. But they are working hard to get things going. The Oregon Legislative session goes until the end of June. Last week TVCC was in Salem working on the next capital project. Since the state only matches any building funds, they must get these projects on the books. This will be for the Allied Health and Nursing Building and has successfully made the list now. Some nursing faculty have resigned so the school is in the process of filling that void. This is a common situation in many nursing schools with the aging faculty retiring and no new Master-degreed nurses to move into the positions. TVCC is working with Saint Alphonsus and other state and federal entities to find creative solutions.

There will be an Eastern Oregon Economic Development summit on July 26th in Hermiston sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Woman’s Coalition focusing on how to keep Eastern Oregon’s economy strong. The governor, speaker of the house, and eastern Oregon legislatures will be in attendance. It was suggested that SREDA have a booth there or attend. Dana will get more information to Kit.

John Breidenbach mentioned the GEODC survey that was sent out to our region and that Mayor Riley Hill requested more emphasis be on Malheur County in their surveys and reports. The group agreed. John also reported that the Eastern Oregon Visitors group has hired a new Executive Director who lives in La Grande. John will be working to get our area back on the map and get more exposure for us.

Ken Hart, member of the Border Board Finance committee, reported that the Border Board is getting close to rolling out the \$5 million dollar loan and grant program. Some will be for CTE and some has been earmarked for housing projects. Ken also reported that the annual Hoe Down fundraiser event sponsored by Saint Alphonsus raised \$20k! This money is awarded to local health care students to attend classes. This year they awarded \$12k to 17 local students. However, there were 25 applications.

Karie Boone, U of I Extension, reported that they have been working on developing a program for new farmers. They are applying for a USDA grant for an apprenticeship program for new farmers and are looking for more farm partners to work with. They are continuing on with the regional food assessment and that meeting is scheduled for Monday at 5:30 pm. The goal is to have a great representation from the area.

Lisa Horzen, from Lazy Bear Ranch, gave background on their foundation creation by Tim Wrightman to give back to the kids and how their kids’ camps were very successful. On June 15, there will be a cardboard boat race with all proceeds going to the foundation for the children. There are 17 boat teams and still room for more.



The competitors are given cardboard and LOTS of duct tape! There will be food, vendors, and entertainment. The public is encouraged to participate. Cathy Yasuda updated the group on the TVCC Foundation activities. The scholarships will be awarded this spring and the foundation is giving out about \$300k to area students. Cathy will attempt to personally attend the events around the valley and acknowledge those recipients. The Pops Concert, their major fund raiser, will be May 17. The annual Garden Tour has been postponed until 2020 still on June 20th. Cathy also thanked the Mayor, Adam Brown and Judge Joyce for their assistance and support for the \$14K workforce grant TVCC received. This will be used for equipment for the manufacturing and automated systems in the new CTE building.

Riley Hill, with Poverty to Prosperity, said that 100 students from Nyssa, Vale, and Ontario will be graduating from the CTE program on May 13, at 7 pm.

Bob Komoto, Four Rivers Cultural Center, reported that May has free senior fitness classes, there will be a singer song writer, Casey Russell, performing on May 16th, May 31st there will be a sculptor exhibit in the Japanese Garden, and the BYU ballet group will be performing Sleeping Beauty on May 11.

Patrick Nauman reported that this week is teacher and nurses appreciation week!

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

Next Board Meeting will the first Tuesday of June 4, at DL Evans in Fruitland.

10. 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!

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 1 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)!