



**SREDA Board Meeting  
June 4, 2019  
DL Evans Bank, Fruitland, ID**

Board Members & Membership Board – Patrick Nauman, Rick Watkins, Ken Bishop, Dan Greig, Adam Brown, Rami Rodriguez, Rick LaHuis, Andy Oyervides, Sandy Hemenway, Cathy Yasuda, Jeff Williams, Bob Komoto, Alicia Cavazos, Craig Jensen, Angie Goodwin, Jennifer Huff, Lisa Collini, Torie Ramirez, Blas Guerra, Ed Susman, Karie Boone, Tina Newsome, Senator Abby Lee, Rob Frye, Jerry Smith, Matt Frye, Mike Anderson, Mike Hanigan, Tobin Dixon, Jenny Hemly and Andrea Testi.

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 thanked DL Evan's 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. Business Update: Jerry Smith, Senior Vice President Western Idaho Area Manager for DL Evan's Bank, gave a quick tour of their new building and talked about the history and success of the bank. He introduced Rob Frye, Vice President/Manager, and then talked about the local involvement in the communities that they serve.
4. Approval of the May 2019 Board Minutes: Chairman Nauman then asked if anyone had any questions or corrections to the May 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, second by Ken Bishop. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Financial Update: Treasurer Sandy Hemenway presented the financial information. She went over in detail the financial snap shot for the month of May 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. Monthly receivables were from Red Apple, Zions, Argus, Weiser Classic Candy and Subway. Annual renewal receivables were from Two Rivers Medical Clinic. Chairman Nauman then asked if anyone had any questions on the financial report. Hearing none, Ken Bishop made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed and presented, seconded by Bob Komoto. The motion passed unanimously.
6. City Highlights:  
Fruitland: City Administrator Rick Watkins reported that May had 1 duplex and 6 new single family housing permits, for a total of 32 for the year. Also, the city had a design review of a new 130 lot subdivision.



Community: Ken Bishop reported that everyone had a wonderful time at the Fruitland Spring Fair with the parade, Lions chicken BBQ, and Bull Rider Burnout fundraiser.

Payette: City Councilman Craig Jensen reported that there is a lot of interest in building new hangers at the airport. The city is working on the plans for a new waste water lift station for the north side of town. Four subdivisions have been proposed. The Hotel Project is still on track and is now in the hands of the investors.

Ontario: City Manager Adam Brown reported that the budget was approved by the Council. The budget includes funds for downtown revitalization, 2 police officers and trail funds. There is a group working on a Frisbee golf course at Beck Kiwanis Park. The tennis courts at Beck Kiwanis will be refurbished also. A trail system through Ontario has been planned. The new Chief of Police starts on June 3. The splash pad grand opening was a huge success with 700 people in attendance. The City expects the first marijuana store to open within the next week or so. They are waiting on background checks, etc. There is a lot of interest in business development on the east side of town. The Eastern Oregon Border Board approved their fund incentives yesterday. One of the funds will add incentives to the City's house building program.

Weiser: Councilwoman Alicia Cavazos reported that there was a recently held town hall meeting on the East Galloway Street project. She also reminded the group of the upcoming Fiddle Festival held later this month.

Community: Jenn Huff, Weiser Chamber Director, reported that the Regatta at Lazy Bear Ranch is June 15<sup>th</sup>; the Fiddle Festival runs June 17 through the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday will be Kid's Day with a free movie that night in the park, "Secret Life of Pets". The Weiser River Music Festival is June 21 and 22 with lots of bands and onsite camping.

New Plymouth: No report given

Nyssa: Torie Ramirez reported that the apartments across from the Sugar Beet factory are being renovated and are looking great! Next weekend is the Thunderegg Days celebration and the Nyssa Night Rodeo is June 14-15. Everyone is invited to stop by and check out the vendors and events happening in Nyssa.

Vale: No report given

7. County Highlights:

Payette County: No report

Washington County: County Commissioner Lisa Collini reported that the Hells Canyon Days held this past weekend was the best they have had!

Malheur County: No report

8. Executive Director Report:



SREDA presentations for this last period included the City of Fruitland, the City of Ontario, the City of Payette, and Malheur County. Kit also attended the Payette, Weiser, Fruitland, and Ontario Chamber luncheons. She also attended a few ribbon cuttings this past month.

Kit submitted a grant to the Idaho Department of Commerce for the state's Rural Economic Development Professional grant program in the amount of \$20,000. This is the same amount requested and received from the state for the last couple of fiscal years.

Projects:

Project Red Rock – assisted the company in acquiring info on the Opportunity Zone and follow up training and working with an accounting firm.

Project Trees – met with real estate folks and their client looking at an existing building for the company to expand into. Followed up with Idaho Power for their power needs.

Project Greene – Worked with the City of Ontario and Idaho Power on submitting 3 sites for this project.

Project Evenstar – new project just received from Idaho. Manufacturing needing 25,000 sq ft building plus office space, 20' high ceilings and about 4 acres. Might be interested in greenfield. Must be 20 minutes from major highway.

#### 9. Partner/Agency Update:

Jenny Hemly, Idaho Dept of Commerce, reported that the state has developed a Broadband Taskforce to further analyze the state's need. Example of a successful rural program is in Ammon, where the city owns the fiber and the provider plugs into them. This keeps the cost very low to the consumer. Other items of interest are the Rural ED Pro Grants applications will be reviewed shortly, the new director is still touring the state, Commerce is doing company spot lights on social media, Governor Little has a big focus on existing Idaho businesses and keeping them successful and the state is still promoting their 'Tested in Idaho' campaign for recreational technology companies. Additionally, Jenny reported that Tina Wilson has been working on a grant for EDA so that Region 3 could hire another consultant to assist with the region's CEDS (a report of potential projects that is submitted to EDA for future funding).

Senator Abby Lee reported on the state's 'Surplus Eliminator' funds. These are small but will go back to the local highway districts. She also mentioned that the state is looking for two (2) candidates to sit on the State Board of Education. If you have any potential candidates, please let her or the Governor's office know. More than 50% of the state budget goes to education so these are very important positions! Abby changed professional hats and reported that TVCC has hired a new nursing faculty member, who coincidentally, is a TVCC alumni! Abby assured the group that the program will be great and continue on. She thanked Saint Alphonsus, St. Luke's and Weiser Memorial Hospital for assisting the college.

Ed Susman, Worksource Oregon, Governor Brown's priorities are for the Employment Department to serve rural and underdeveloped regions. They are focusing on getting those folks employed by providing work readiness and vocational training. The department will also be rolling out in Eastern Oregon their new Business Services model up in the Columbia Basin area. It will be coming to our area at a later date, but will be tailored to our businesses' needs. Worksource Oregon has also begun training in the offices on work ethic, also known



as soft skills. These trainings will be made available to businesses as well so they can train their current employees if needed.

Tobin Dixon, USDA Rural Development, reported that his agency has three areas that they can assist in. Those are: Housing, Community and Business. In the housing area they are offering home improvement loans with a 1% interest rate; community includes water and waste water grants and grants for facilities such as fire stations, libraries, and community centers; the business side is similar to SBA and they work closely with the local banks on their lending programs with loan guarantees.

Blas Guerra, Idaho Department of Labor, reported that they have been busy assisting people who are looking for jobs. Additionally they are helping employers find workers.

Karie Boone, U of I Extension, reported that the local farmer's markets will be starting soon. Ontario will be open this Saturday and Payette will open on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Andrea Testi, TVCC Small Business Development Center, reported that there will be a new business opening soon in Nyssa. There is a lot of interest in business succession planning, with some businesses looking at the Employee Owned Business models.

10. Round table discussions:

Bob Komoto, Four Rivers Cultural Center, reported that there are a number of new events and displays. There is a Garden Sculpture exhibit in the Japanese Garden that will be there through the summer. The free Live After Five programs will start June 12 and 26th. As usual good music and if you are a member you get a free drink. A free kids movie, "How to Train Your Dragon" June 15th at 3 p.m. There will be a Kids in the Garden program June 20th at 10:30 a.m. Limited to 20 kids. Sign up at FRCC. A rock concert June 21 with "Sister Sparrow & The Dirty Birds" 7 p.m., \$10. June 28th, Cowboy Artists opening at 6 p.m. in the Harano Gallery. June 29th, the Folklife Festival all day. There will be cowboy poets, taiko drumming, saddle makers, rope makers and more. June 29th 5 p.m. folk singers Joe Seamons and Tim Dietz will sing and teach kids about folk music. Finally, every first Friday of the month is "Free Museum Day".

Jeff Williams reminded everyone that the Boots and Blues fund raiser for the both of the Boys & Girls Clubs will be this Friday at 6 pm at the Four Rivers Cultural Center.

Cathy Yasuda, TVCC Foundation Director, updated the group on the college's graduation that will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. She also talked about the long awaited construction on the CTE building. It is moving forward! They are hoping to be completed by winter of 2021. Cathy also reported that the TVCC Board has passed their budget.

Abby Lee mentioned there will be a ceremony on the Idaho side of the river by Nyssa to establish the Idaho portion of Highway 20 as a Medal of Honor Highway, helping to complete the path from Coast to Coast on July 1. She also reminded Oregon businesses that the Oregon minimum wage goes up to \$11 on July 1<sup>st</sup>.



Chairman Nauman mentioned that there is a Family Night during the Fiddle Festival and gave details. He also reported that ICON has hired their staff for their new office in Ridley's brand new store. Ridley's is still hoping for a late June opening.

Next Board Meeting will be the first Tuesday of July, on the 2nd, at Payette Senior Center with their homemade cinnamon rolls and other breakfast items. There was discussion regarding the September Board meeting, but Andy Oyervides has volunteered Teton's new location for the meeting. The annual meeting will be held at the end of October or first part of November as usual.

11. 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!**

July 2 SREDA Monthly meeting - Payette Senior Center, Payette

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

September 3 SREDA Monthly meeting – Teton Machine, Payette

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)!