



IMFHF MINUTES

Monday, January 24, 2021

6:00 pm

Fall River RCD Office

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call – Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President, D. Kroschel.
Present: Carol Buckman, Jessica DeCoito, Kati Escalante, Henry Giacomini, Randall Harr, Helen Hawkins, Russ Hawkins, Dale Kroschel, Shane Overton, Sharmie Stevenson.
Absent: Elena Albaugh, Brent Cassity, Howard Lakey, Beau Norris, Shirley Wright
Staff Present: None
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comment- No public comment.
- IV. Guests/Announcements- No guests or announcements.
- V. Approval of the Agenda – Additions/deletions – Motion to approve the agenda was made by J. DeCoito, second by R. Harr, unanimously carried.
- VI. Approval of Minutes – Additions/deletions – Motion to approve was made by C. Buckman, second was made by R. Harr, unanimously carried.
- VII. Treasurer Report – C. Buckman
 - A. Approval of Foundation Financials – Financials were presented.

Tri-Counties Operating Account	\$ 68,919.62
Tri-Counties Money Market	\$ 104,089.58
Tri-Counties CD #1	\$ 50,000.00
Tri-Counties CD #2	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 273,009.20
 - A. Motion to approve financials was made by R. Harr, seconded by H. Giacomini, unanimously carried.
 - B. Bills – None presented. Carol reported she needs a bill from Randall for the bar supplies that he purchased for the Heritage Room for reimbursement. She reimbursed the Fair for sponsor tickets, admissions and lawn mower. Carol has received a check for \$4,000 from Hatchet Ridge for Jr. Livestock Sale.
- VIII. Interim General Manager’s Report
 - A. Report- D. Kroschel reported on the issues that he has been covering regarding the fair. Dallas & Delia will be here to run the RV park again beginning March 1. Dale has continued to be on call for all problems and issues. He still is addressing the Skuce



Pavilion fire alarm issues and is hoping to get it fixed soon. They have scheduled the cutting horse show. Will be looking into fundraising/concession for the event. He is researching trash costs for the Fair when events occur. Will be addressing this and rates when the new general manager is hired. Russ informed the group that he has contacted Max Haney out of Redding to come up to give an estimate on trimming of all the trees. Estimates for his company to clean up and without if we can get the con crew to help.

B. Action items – No action items

IX. Standing Committee

A. Executive Committee – Executive meeting was held on January 17. Minutes were emailed out to everyone. Motion to approve minutes was made by K. Escalante, second by S. Stevenson, unanimously carried.

B. Intermountain Fair Committee

1. Report – Dale reported the Fair Theme was chosen as Carnival Lights & Country Nights. Received word from Jared Hovis that he will not be available for this year. Russ is pursuing other options for Saturday night entertainment. There was a motion to approve the Fair Committee report made by J. DeCoito, second by K. Escalante

X. Advisory Committee Reports

A. Jr. Livestock Report – Next meeting will be held at the end of February.

1. Big Ass Fan
2. Beef Scales

B. Facilities

1. Office Remodel- Carol has plans to repaint but it was brought up that the office needs more attention also. Need to pursue and get estimates.
2. Ingram Hall Roof Quote – Need to get quote to be able to apply for a grant that is due in March. Russ is contacting to get a quote.
3. Commercial Building – (Hole in concrete) Dale will check this out and see what can be done to repair.
4. Lighting for arena – Brent is still waiting for quote.

C. Sponsorship Committee –

1. Sponsor Dinner – Elena & Helen – No report yet.
2. Sponsor Letter – Helen asked if we should do mass mailing again. It was discussed and group felt that yes it should be done this year. Helen will work with Heidi to get pamphlet updated and work on the donation letter.

D. Grant Committee –

1. Grant Application – S. Stevenson is working on a grant for the roof of Ingram Hall.



2. **IMF Infrastructure Grant – Legal Representation for Agreements (Randall)**
Motion was made by H. Giacomini that the IMFHF retains R. Harr as representative for the Heritage Foundation. Second was made by R. Hawkins, unanimously carries. R. Harr abstained.

XI. Old Business

- A. **Grant Update - D. Kroschel and S. Stevenson** reported that they will be drilling a well as soon as Connors Well Drilling can come. They have proposed a different access for the pipeline to get access to the well. CSD is no longer an option as their timeline is not in our best interest.
- B. **Skip Willmore/Veterans' Memorial – Howard** was out of town and Elena was ill but gave information to Dale concerning the project. Engineer has donated the preliminary designs for the Memorial. The sample of the design was handed out and everyone was in agreement that it looked awesome and that we should continue to move forward with the project and continue to get estimates. Dale will make an appointment with the county to get approval.
- C. **Brown Act/Public Records Act – D. Kroschel** will check and update next meeting. If you haven't taken the training, please do so.
- D. **Chairs for Heritage Room – Helen** reported that the shipping costs were not included in the estimate and is working on a new quote but needs to have the budget increased to \$4000. R. Harr moved to approve to the new budget of \$4000, second by C. Buckman.
- E. **Biomass Cogen Plant - This topic** was first to be addressed at the meeting as it was a conference call with Todd Sloat and Christiana from PG&E. Bioenergy plant would be on Fairgrounds/County property. Wood Utilization campus would be on RCD property. Exchange for rent for the plant would be a credit for the electricity bill of the Fairgrounds for the year which is approximately \$68,000. They still need to find the developer/investor for the project. The area would be 5 acres and the plant would be a 5-megawatt plant with 3 megawatts that would be exported to PG&E. It still needs to be determined what the county will want and it was suggested that the lease be revisited and updated to another 20 years. The plant would be employing 9-10 people. Concerns of the project might be the amount of water needed. Motion to continue to move forward with pursuing investigations into building the biomass facility by R. Hawkins, second by R. Harr. There is no signed contact to continue with the investigations of the project. Members would like to check out comparison facilities to visualize what the plant would look like. **LONG TERM GOAL** is to purchase the Fairgrounds from the County.
- F. **General Manager Position – Dale** informed the Directors that Executive Committee met on January 23 and did interviews with two applicants. It was recommended that Jon Neugebauer be offered the General Manager position with a salary of



\$75,000. Motion was made by H. Giacomini to offer the position to Jon, seconded by C. Buckman, motion carries unanimously. J. DeCoito abstained from the vote. Dale will contact him regarding the position when the meeting is over.

- G. Jackpot Show – Jessica reported that they are moving forward with a June date which will include a heifer show.
- H. Bull Cow Dinner – Randall will be getting in touch with Elena to combine with the Balloon Festival.
- I. Budget – No concerns
- J. ATV & Dump Trailer Update – Sharmie informed everyone that the Foundation received a \$6000.00 grant from Sierra Pacific Industries to help with the purchase of an ATV and she applied for \$7000.00 through the McConnell Foundation to pay for the other half of the ATV. She will be pursuing a grant for the dump trailer.
- K. Replacement Chair for Ingram Hall – Carol would like to purchase 50 replacement chairs. This was discussed and needs to be pursued. She will bring an estimate of costs to the February meeting.
- L. Century Bike Ride – Jessica reported that she has been in contact with Ashley Adams for her to do this event as her senior project and she is moving forward with the plans.

XII. New Business

- A. Balloon Festival – Elena informed Dale that she has spoken with Lori and she is willing to help with the Balloon Festival. Elena has a flyer prepared for the schedule for everyone to look over. All Directors were in favor in moving forward with Balloon Festival for Mother’s Day weekend with the Bull Cow Dinner on Saturday night. Budget will be presented at the next meeting.

XIII. OPEN Session/CLOSED Session –

- 1. Randall asked regarding a thank you to the Urricelqui family for their donation and Helen had confirmed she sent a thank you card.
- 2. Helen would like to send a thank you cards and a gift for retiring Director’s Katherine Howard and Lynn Taylor. Dale suggested we send a \$100 VISA gift card with the thank you cards for all their time and help to the Foundation.

XII. Adjournment – Motion by S. Stevenson, Second by R. Harr to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by,

Helen Hawkins, Secretary

Next meeting will be February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Ingram Hall