

NORTH DOUGLAS BETTERMENT

Monthly Meeting

September 21, 2020

Board Present: Lee Russell – Chair, Kathleen Finley, Jill Cunningham, Chi Mei Tam, Taryn Owens, Marvin Akins

Board Not Present:

Guests: Nathan Smith, Mischelle Watkins, Tom Wing

Staff: Jennifer Bragg

The meeting was called to order by Lee Russell, Chair, at 6:02 PM.

Minutes of August 17th, 2020:

Marvin Akins asked for his name to be moved from Board Present to Board Not Present from the August minutes. Jill asked that the wording to be changed to Summer Reading Program instead of Library Outreach Program.

Jill Cunningham made a motion to approve the August 17th, 2020 minutes with amendments. Kathy Finley, seconded. Passed.

Chairperson Report:

Chairman Russell reports that he has changed the order of agenda items again so the meeting runs smoother. He put Jennifer's report at the top because she has the most to report for NDB. He is going to add Applegate Cemetery and South 20 Property to Old Business.

Treasurer's Report:

Lee gave a rundown of current banking information.

Development Officer Report:

Jennifer gave a brief rundown of activities. Jennifer informed the Board that the Business Center on Eagle Valley and Main St. still has a loan on it and she is looking into granting opportunities to acquire the building.

NDB held a donation drive for North Douglas County and it was a huge success. We filled a 26ft U-Haul to the brim with donations and supplies. Jennifer has also

raised an additional \$50,000.00 in relief. NDB will be holding a furniture drive in the future to continue our efforts in supporting displaced families.

Jennifer was a guest speaker for the Lion Club in Roseburg this month. She met a lot of great people and business owners. It was a great networking opportunity.

Jennifer continues to work on the LILA grant through UVDN.

Jennifer is delivering several hundred lunches a month to homebound individuals in Drain. She is also helping every Wednesday at the food pantry in Drain.

Jennifer shared a budget detail worksheet with the board and explained the breakdown of expenses for Dial a Ride.

Jennifer continues to work with LCOG and SLW for transit planning.

On Oct. 17th at 9am NDB is hosting their first Adopt a Highway Program. The cities of Drain and Yoncalla are excited and back the project. The fire department will be there to help with traffic because the curves are dangerous and have several blind corners. Jennifer is working with the County to obtain materials.

New Business:

Church Contract:

Tami Gates reached out to Jennifer asking for their Church payments be moved from the 1st of the month to the 20th of the month permanently. They have had a hard time financially because of congregation regulations from COVID-19.

Jill made a motion to allow the church to move their payments from the 1st to the 20th with the understanding that they will still have a 5-day grace period, and after the grace period late fees and penalties will apply. Kathy Finley seconded, passed.

Updated Logo:

Taryn showed many options for logos to the Board. Taryn is going to continue to work on a logo and email the Board for feedback.

Old Business:

Fire Department Chief reported that \$50,000 would not be an issue. The issue is “fighting” a board member for the property. The department is in an uncomfortable and unique situation. The Chief stated that he hates to drag his heels and Jennifer informed him that NDB is not in a hurry to sell the property.

Dial A Ride:

The Board had concerns with complaint from the community and from riders. Jennifer informed the Board that she has asked in 2 District meetings and after 1 District meeting for an amendment to our current contract with a deadline for the District to NDB within 30 days of quarterly reports turned in to the District. After the last District meeting Jennifer asked Manager Cheryl Chase if she had completed the task and Chase stated no. Kathy Finley plans on attending the next UPTD meeting to represent NDB. Jennifer reminded the Board that at the end of last quarter is when she learned that we are now on a penny for penny reimbursement and no longer an allotment.

The Board wants to renegotiate contract with the District.

Kathy Finley made a motion to write a letter to the District stating that we are unhappy regarding the complaints, and to discuss our concerns and that we are not happy with the way this system is running now. Jill Cunningham seconded, passed.

Fireworks:

N/A

Log Pond:

Lee will be speaking with the Consultant on Wednesday (9/23/20) hopefully he has all the bugs worked out with the agencies. The Cascade contract is almost done and the next phase is permitting and construction.

Library:

Jill reported that they are still doing curbside checkout.

Applegate Cemetery:

Lee stated that sales have helped carry us over the last few years but that we do not have a lot of plots left to sell. He sees value in the Masonic Cemetery.

Website Development:

Taryn Owens has been diligently working on our webpage. She is going to meet up with Jennifer so they can discuss what dialogue and pictures to add to the site. Taryn discussed adding a calendar of events and the Board loved the idea.

Public Comment:

N/A

**Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 19th, 2020 at 6pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.**