

Flandreau Development Corporation

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Call to Order

Carleen Wild called to order the meeting of the Flandreau Development Corporation at 5:30 on January 3, 2019 in the Flandreau City Office meeting room.

Roll Call

Board members in attendance included Carleen Wild, Jason Unger, Shawn Jaacks, Mike Witte, Dan Sutton, Kelley Ramsdell, Jessica Hovland, Scott Hargens (via telephone).

Others present: Marty Skroch, Kristen Britton, Pastor Alan Blankenfeld, Stacy Suedkamp

Dan Sutton moved to approve the agenda; Shawn Jaacks seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Pastor Alan presented about an informal organization focused on suicide awareness and prevention, with emphasis on the agriculture community. The organization (Moody County Cares) is seeking to raise funds to be able to subscribe the county to South Dakota's 211 and suicide prevention hotline. Discussion about the potential impact and economic benefits of the 211 service, and upcoming event planned by MCC. No request for funds at this time.

Dan Sutton reported that The Spot restaurant has been sold to new owner Jamie Gaspar and is expected to re-open in April 2019.

Carleen reported that a new Mexican restaurant has resumed operations in the former Kiko's Mexican Restaurant space.

Carleen gave an update on the renovation progress at the Wind Street Bar and plans for new businesses in the space.

Carleen invited Kristen Britton to announce the opening of a retail space downtown for her Gone2Pieces Handmade and Vintage goods.

Carleen reported that she will work with Justin Sanders on social media content.

President's Report – Carleen Wild

Carleen gave a brief update about FDC conversation topics.

Housing Committee – Carleen Wild

Carleen indicated there is no new report for this committee.

Marketing/Events Committee – Carleen Wild

Carleen gave a report on the committee's recent activity:

- Carleen gave an update on planning for the Annual Meeting for April 4 with potentially two guest speakers – Jeff Pederson and/or Trevor Jones/Ashley Podhradsky
- Carleen discussed planning the venue for the Annual Meeting, and reserving John's Place for a smaller event

Economic Development and Improvement Committee – Kelley Ramsdell

Kelley provided a summary of topics addressed by the Economic Development Committee:

- Flandreau Meat Locker construction is progressing relatively quickly
- Liquor store at former Wind Street Bar (Haug renovation project) is officially open to the public while further renovation is ongoing in the other areas of the building
- Aquaponics paperwork for FDC to retake possession of the designated property has been drafted and will be circulated for execution
- Moody County Commissioners have expressed formal support of the Health Hometown east-west entrance and connecting bike path project

Membership Committee – Jason Unger

Jason reported on discussions held by the Housing Committee:

- Discussion about changing the enrollment process and method to use letters for contributions and enrollment rather than invoicing and accounts receivable method
- Developing an electronic monthly newsletter for members

Carleen Wild Adjourned the meeting at 6:29.