

Flandreau Development Corporation

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Call to Order

Carleen Wild called to order the meeting of the Flandreau Development Corporation at 5:33 p.m. on March 7, 2019 in the Flandreau City Office meeting room.

Roll Call

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

Others present: Kristen Britton

Jason Unger moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from October, November, December 2018, and January 2019; Kelley Ramsdell seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Carleen Wild introduced a memo regarding current contract services which is expiring and up for renewal for web/domain hosting—the services have been provided, but due to inactivity, no actual work has been done.

Paul Lewis moved to terminate/not renew the contract; Jason Unger seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Carleen discussed members with expiring terms. Scott Hargens announced he does not plan to seek another term, but is hoping to have another representative of Avera become involved and consider serving as a board member. Paul Lewis announced he does not plan to seek another term.

Scott Hargens reported that Moody County Cares, with the help of support from FDC and other local organizations and entities, has achieved its funding goal for the 2-1-1 service.

Carleen advised the board of recent health issues for a former board member and the board will circulate and submit a card.

President's Report – Carleen Wild

Carleen wished the high school sports teams well, specifically the Flandreau high school girls basketball team, who plays tonight.

Housing Committee – Carleen Wild

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

- Discussion with the City of Flandreau to update the housing study, and implementing a plan to have the study updated regularly, every 5 years, going forward

Marketing/Events Committee – Jessica Hovland

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

- The committee is recommending working toward one or two banner events per year (in addition to the annual meeting), and including participation in at least one of those events as a board member commitment;
- Dan Sutton discussed the Flandreau directory and advertising publication that was done a few years ago still needs to be completed, but the agreement to have the materials developed is already in place;
- Dan Sutton indicated his hope and goal that FDC will have a float in the all school reunion/sesquicentennial parade;
- Carleen reminded everyone of the FDC annual meeting coming up on April 4
- Carleen mentioned that the independent contractor agreement to provide social media posts and management has not been fulfilled and will look to have someone replace the current provider

Economic Development and Improvement Committee – Kelley Ramsdell

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

- Paul Lewis presented a letter addressed to the Flandreau Meat Locker demanding that the back portion of the lot be deeded back to the FDC in accordance with his agreement with the FDC
- Kelley discussed the FDC's loan program options that the Board had previously decided to deactivate until a thorough review of the program could be conducted due to a period of issuing loans that went uncollected. The new owners of The Spot requested consideration for the loan, but until a review takes place, the loan program is still inactive;
- Carleen reminded the Board of a townhall meeting hosted by the FDC Economic Development and Improvement Committee taking place at the Community Center on 3/12 to discuss progress and plans for the bike path and other topics;
- Carleen announced that the quitclaim deed from Aquaponics for the land that had been gifted to them on certain conditions has been fully executed and the transfer completed;
- Kristen Britton announced that her new storefront business, Gone 2 Pieces, will be open soon to the public;

Membership Committee – Jason Unger

Jason reported on discussions held by the Housing Committee:

- Jason reported that Kristen Britton assisted the committee in developing a membership/business database;
- Jason indicated the committee will work with the City Office to determine the new method of notifying members and businesses when and how dues are being collected and recorded

Carleen Wild Adjourned the meeting at 6:12.