



Board of Directors – Regular Business Meeting
425 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Wednesday, 28 June 2017, 7:00 a.m.

Minutes:

In Attendance: Board Members Terri Gazdik, , Jill Kirkham, Doug Swanson, John LoBuono and Bob Nitschke., Executive Director Cindy Ozaki, Administrative Coordinator Jo Nelson,. IFAD Legal Counsel Mark Fuller. Greg Weitzel, Mayor Casper, Dana Briggs, Kevin Trvellyan, Kevin DeKold

I. Call to Order

Conducted by Chairman Gazdik, the meeting was called to order at 7:01 a.m.

II. Adoption of the Consent Agenda.

A. June 7, 2017 Minutes

B. Payables

Action: Motion made and seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Result: All present voted in the affirmative.

III. Discussion of future presentation by Parks and Recreation

Mr. Weitzel is not yet present, Ms. Kirkham requested that this portion of the meeting be presented before Public Comments.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. IFAD Office Relocation: There is a proposal from the current building owners to move the IFAD office to the other side of the building where IFAD will occupy two offices and the conference room on that side of the building will be used.

Renting a conference room is also an option if the new board room is not adequate and options are being considered.

Ms. Ozaki stated that business cards will not be ordered for the new Board Members until a permanent location is definitive.

B. Meeting IF Parks and Recreation: Ms. Ozaki stated that she met with Mr. Weitzel, Mr. John Radford, and Dana Briggs. Ms. Ozaki presented them with forms for preparation of the campground tax to be paid to IFAD. Ms. Ozaki also inquired of Mr. Weitzel what he meant when he had previously stated that IFAD and the Parks & Recreation could work together. Mr. Weitzel stated that Idaho Falls does not

need an event center, that we need a new recreation center, swimming pool, indoor horse arena, and baseball fields. Parks & Recreation has plans to put in a new hockey arena with 1500 – 2000 seats at Tautphaus Park and they were concerned that the IFAD Event Center would compete with them.

Mr. Weitzel suggested that since the city is in the event management business, that they would like the opportunity to run the new IFAD Event Center. Mr. Weitzel would like to pursue a partnership with IFAD, the City of Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, and the School Districts to work together to fund these different venues they are proposing.

Mr. Weitzel stated that he was excited to be able to suggest individuals that would be “friendly to the City” to run for the board of IFAD.

- C. Yellowstone Teton Territory:** YTT has a grant to assist with advertising and would like to put out more information on kids activities to bring more tourism into this area. Ms. Ozaki contacted the Arts Council and the Art Museum regarding the opportunities for the YTT grant. They appreciated the contact and opportunity. Ms. Ozaki was able to share YTT information with STR’s so they were able to see some of the benefits IFAD was creating for them. The STR owners gave a positive response.

V. Calendar and Announcement

- A. Upcoming IFAD Meetings/Events:** The next training will be on Tuesday, 11 July, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

The next IFAD Board Meeting will be held on 12 July, 2017 at 7:00 am.

- B. Announcements and Minor Questions**

- C. Future Meeting:** A discussion was held on assessing the public to determine their opinions and expectations of the Event Center. Ms. Ozaki stated that there were several public meetings previously and that the Event Center will be open to local hockey games and other community events. Ms. Kirkham expressed that there is misinformation and a need for more communication to the public.

Result: It was determined that an agenda item will be added to a future meeting to address community outreach.

A discussion was held on the legal aspects of using the Event Center funds for a facility other than an Event Center and a request made to add to a future agenda to have an open discussion on what else can be done, including if IFAD must use Centennial as the operator. Discussed having Mr. Weitzel, IF Parks and Recreations Director, repeat his February presentation at a July Board Meeting for the new board members.

- VI. Parks & Recreations:** Ms. Kirkham expressed that her desire was not to discuss a future presentation but to have Mr. Weitzel present to the Board at this time.

A. Agenda Amendment: It was discussed that since Mr. Weitzel was not on the agenda the public was not aware that this discussion was to take place and therefore did not have the opportunity to attend. Mark Fuller recommended that the presentation be delayed until it has been properly posted on the agenda.

Ms. Kirkham asked that a motion be made to amend the agenda.

Ms. Ozaki offered that the public had asked to be present if Mr. Weitzel presented, and suggested the presentation be delayed until posted on the agenda.

Action: Ms. Kirkham made a motion to amend the agenda to allow Mr. Weitzel to present before the Public Comment portion of this meeting.

Result: The motion was seconded and the majority voted in the affirmative.

B. Presentation from Parks & Recreations: Greg Weitzel presented a brief history of how Parks and Recreation came to be involved with IFAD and how IFAD could partner with Parks & Recreation. Mr. Weitzel stated that several Parks & Recreation facilities are in need of repair or replacement including the recreation center, aquatics center, and ice arena. A bond was previously put on the ballot to obtain funding for the recreation center and failed. Mr. Weitzel then discussed Sandy Downs and the need for an indoor equestrian arena facility, and a sports complex is being designed to relocate several softball fields to a 40 acre parcel.

Mr. Weitzel stated that he believes that with all these needs, a partnership with IFAD could be implemented to assess the needs of the community and create a master plan based on those needs.

Action: A request was made for Mr. Weitzel to speak at a board meeting in July

Result: It was determined Mr. Weitzel would present at the board meeting on July, 26, 2017.

VII. Public Comment: Time was given for public comment.

Mayor Casper commented on the difference between a city official speaking in an official matter verses one speaking to present an opportunity and clarified that Mr. Weitzel was speaking in the latter capacity. He is preparing to bring something to the City Council.

Mayor Casper discussed the possible clash of the expectations of the business community, that the Event Center would serve the needs of tourists to increase Hotel and Motel business, and the desire of City officials to serve the needs of residents who pay no taxes to support IFAD, and suggested studies representing both sides be completed with discussions to follow by the respective directors to consider what is best for the community.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Public Request Guidance: Guidance given to Mark Fuller regarding public records request from Post Register. IFAD needs to honor its contracts.

Action: Motion to not provide requested document to Post Register without consent of Pathway Associates first being obtained.

Result: Vote was four in favor, one opposed.

Ms. Kirkham requested that her personal attorney, Mike Kirkham, be allowed to review requested documents for his comments. Request will be made to Pathways for such authorization.

X. Adjournment:

Action: Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Result: The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.