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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date and Time: 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Location: Home Loan Building, 205 N. 4th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, in the Community Room on the Basement level

In attendance:

David Ludlam

Craig Springer

Chris McAnany

Christina Reddin

Andrew BE

Karen Kllanxhja, MCPLD

Amy Jordan (GJRA)

Ben Johnson (GJRA)

David Fiore (GJRA)

Vara Kusal (Horizon Drive Business Improvement District)

Rich Sales (Town of Palisade)

Kathy Portner (City of GJ)

Derek Wagner (CMU)

Mike Bennett (City of Fruita)

Ken Haley (City of Fruita)

Davis Farrar (Town of Collbran)

Benita Phillips (Community member)

Minutes:

- I. Call to order at 2:00 pm
- II. Reading and adoption of the November 18 meeting minutes.
 - a. Motion to adopt Minutes by C. Springer. Second by J. Justman. Voted, approved.
- III. General public comment.
 - a. None.
- IV. Understanding Our Community: Presentations by eligible entities on their 5-year strategic plan:
 - a. Grand Junction Regional Airport, Amy Jordan, David Fiore
- V. Consent agenda:
 - a. No payment requests to approve.
- VI. Preparation for the Spring 2016 Grant Cycle:
 - a. Review of feedback;

- i. Suggestion from board to create a scoring percentage for each application to create relative comparison between traditional and mini grants. Possibilities to include either a numerical percentage and/or a letter grade.
 - 1. C. Springer asked for refresher from administrators on how this process was created during the voting of the last grant cycle. Administrators provided a refresher on the background and origin of this percentage grade.
 - 2. Board agrees to utilize percentage rather than letter grade.
- b. Public comment on the grant process;
 - i. R. Sales asked if a civic government center would be applicable for funding. C. McAnany replied that the project is eligible and that the MCFMLD has no policies for which types of projects receive favor during a grant cycle. C. Springer stated he only hesitation on any application is if there's clearly a private interest who would benefit. J. Justman and D. Ludlam did not offer speculation on how this project would be favored in upcoming cycles.
 - ii. D. Farrar asked if it's possible that all applications score too low to warrant any funding. D. Ludlam replied that it's consistent with the MCFMLD mission to get the funds back out to the community. Administrators noted that in the previous cycle we had additional funds to distribute, but due to the nature of the applications not all available funds were distributed; approximately \$150,000 was retained for future cycles. C. McAnany stated that the FML statutes allow for the MCFMLD to bank any or all funds for future cycles.
 - iii. Community member asked what the projected funds were for upcoming cycles. D. Ludlam noted this was discussed at last month's meeting and suggested speaking with Administrators after the meeting for details.
 - iv. R. Sales asked for clarification on how partial funding is decided. Administrator replied that clarification questions have been added to the applications as well as individual discussions with Administrators to ensure a clear picture of if/how a project would move forward with partial funding.
 - v. D. Wagner asked if there's any projected change in the 2-cycle per year plan. J. Justman replied that the board is taking a wait-and-see attitude depending on available funds in the future. C. Springer stated he's committed to a 2-grant cycle and would hope to stick to this strategy in the future.
 - vi. R. Sales asked about getting additional / leftover funds from DOLA / AG&C to be utilized for MCFMLD. D. Ludlam was in favor of asking DOLA if this is possible. D. Ludlam asked what the presentation to DOLA would include. R. Sales suggested a casual conversation with Elise before presenting a formal

request. D. Farrar was in favor of the idea. D. Ludlam directed administrators to continue this discussion with eligible applicants to investigate this possibility.

- c. Discussion of changes to be made for the Spring Grant Cycle.
 - i. Spring cycle application will be available at January meeting.

VII. Staff updates.

- a. Motus is working on a revised 2016 work-plan for MCFMLD administration. Provided 2015 work-plan for reference. Suggestions for requests and revisions were welcomed from the Board.

VIII. Unscheduled business.

- a. None.

IX. Motion to adjourn by J. Justman. Second by C. Springer. Voted, approved.

X. Adjourned at 2:43 pm

Notice of this meeting was posted on December 4, 2015, on our website at www.mesaFML.org and at Grand Junction City Hall, 250 N. 5th Street, and at the Mesa County offices, 544 Rood Ave, Grand Junction.