Minutes FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:15 PM
BIRD, Inc. Offices
1413 4th Ave N, Suite C

Board members in attendance: Marshall Knick, Marty Connell, Sam Westerman, Ken Kunkel, Tim Goodridge (coordinator)
Absent: Lenette Kosovich, Scott Chesarek
Others attending: Dave Green, Mike Yakawich

Meeting called to order at 1:15 – Marshall Knick presiding

Action: Approval of previous board meeting minutes- Motion Marshall, 2nd Sam – approved with edit to correct date
Financials:
Action: Approval of financials – Motion Marshall, 2nd Sam - approved

1. TIF Working Group – Next meeting is June 6 in Billings at FIB Ops Center. Administrative costs will be a point of focus. Marty commented that a measure is needed that’s not simply a ratio of increment vs admin cost. This penalizes “poorer” districts. The measure needs to be normalized to have any merit.

It will be a good idea to invite some Billings legislators. An opportunity to get their point of view and educate them on TIF.

2. Program to reimburse property owners who landscape & plant trees in EBURD. Tim is soliciting landscaping companies to present pricing options at the May 24 annual meeting. The goal is to encourage property owners affected by the street reconstruction to plant trees and install irrigation while the street is open.

Ken thought Planning & Community Development would have list of preferred trees & shrubs or maybe the county extension could be helpful. The city forester has provided Tim with his list of trees and a couple of local arborists will be consulted too.

3. City TIF policy – City council voted to postpone adoption of the TIF policy until July. A series of meetings with TIF representatives and city administration will be convened to work on a consensus draft.

4. 2018 EBURD Lights & Street Project – Public Works estimates awarding the contract the first week in July. Board is interested in investigating viability of 20 year vs 25 year bond term. If the BIRD can afford it the 20 year term will save $700,000 in interest.

5. BIRD Annual Meeting – Lenette, Marshall and Scott are up for reelection. Need to collect door prizes.
• Presentation of program to reimburse property owners who landscape & plant trees in EBURD
• DJ Clark and Chris Hertz present 2018 EBURD Lights & Street Project
• Recruit property owners who used TIF funds on their projects to present

6. Coordinator report – Quarterly meeting next Monday at city council. Liberty & Vine assistance application on April 23 city council meeting agenda.

Adjourn Meeting – Marshal - 2:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lenette Kosovich
Secretary