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Billings Industrial Revitalization District

**Minutes**

**FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, 1:15 p.m.**

Board members in attendance: Sam Westerman, Keith Robinson, Melissa Zimmermann, Lucy Aspinwall, Ken Kunkel(zoom), Michelle Harkins (ED)

Absent: Matthew McDonnell,

Others attending: Thom McClean, Hillary Rothstein, Dan Smith, Nicole Allen, Michelle Brackett, and David Goodridge

Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m. – Sam Westerman, presiding.

Introductions of all attendees

1. Minutes:
   1. Action: Approval of previous board meeting minutes – Keith motion, Lucy second. Approved
2. Treasurer’s Report:
   1. All accounts are current and correct.
   2. Action: Approval of Financial Reports – Melissa motion, Keith second. Approved
3. Old Business
   1. Intern- Baylie has interview at another job- MH will keep posted- UPDATE: Baylie accepted later the 11th.
   2. NWEngery approved use of Light poles for banners as long as we take care of banners
   3. Housing Studying- Still waiting on EPS - June date of completion.
   4. Nile (10/13) Meeting postponed. Leah talking with board for final approval. MH has city application- talks with city and ag community has all been positive. 2nd and 3rd
   5. Website: Salt & Sage- MH sending out sample
4. New Business
   1. SB-523- rewrites TIF- in current states takes out private infrastructure. Any current or coming projects need to be in by Oct 31.
   2. Annual Meeting- MH, Sam, and Keith to discuss- will discuss further next meeting.
   3. Clean-up- June 5th- Get board business involved.
      1. Membership May- clear cup chosen and MH ordering.
      2. Women’s run- MH handling, Keith getting H2O from Scott, Sam getting speakers.
      3. Art touch-up- 2 artists will help, work with city, get FD to spray, call out to volunteers.
   4. North Park update- new playground, exercise equip., bathrooms, lighting, ADA access.
5. Talking Points
   1. Green Light Funds are still available.
   2. Code to be rebound.
6. Community Comments
   1. Salvation Army – SA will take the public opinion and consider it.
   2. Michelle- Desert Mountain Broadcast- Sponsoring Women’s run- Help BIRD out with advertising
   3. Thom- BSEDA- EPA approval for Brownfield study again- May Grant 1,000,000 will know by fall if we get the grant.
   4. Hillary- Berkshire Hathaway- event June 28th 4-8pm- “Welcome to the Neighborhood” 2nd year- have non-profit and community partners set up booths in parking lot for community event. Will have food vendors.
      1. Dan- BH- SB 523- asked what governor has to say- willing to make a call on our behalf- knows him personally.
   5. David Goodridge – 2024- every 10 years- review commission- we get to vote on government regulation on how we want things structured as citizens. Going to get a committee together to help people better understand.

2:15 pm. Sam Westerman – Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting – May 9th @ 1:15 pm