

BIRD

MEETING

AGENDA

 **DATE: 12 NOVEMBER 2024**

 **TIME: 1:15PM - 2:15PM**

BOARD

Sam Westerman: President
Keith Robinson: Vice President
Lucy Aspinwall: Treasurer

Melissa Zimmermann: Secretary
Matt McDonnell

STAFF

Michelle Harkins
Heather Doty

AGENDA	TOPIC	PERSON IN CHARGE
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Breif IntroductionsAction: Approval of previous minutes	Sam
Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brief OverviewAction: Approval of previous financials	Lucy
TIF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update on Board Approved TIFs<ul style="list-style-type: none">BB, Vemco, Vet, White's and SafetyUpdate on all City Approved TIFs<ul style="list-style-type: none">Undammed, 1889, and TailwindsNew TIFIncoming	Michelle
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Courts at North ParkTree LightingCommunity Change Grant	Michelle
Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AnnouncementsPublic CommentInnovation District - Updates	Sam
Events and Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Summary of decisions and action itemsNext Meeting: Jan 14th, 2026 @ 1:15No Dec MeetingMeeting Concluded	Sam

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AGENDA

 **DATE: 8 OCTOBER 2024**

 **TIME: 1:15PM - 2:15PM**

BOARD Sam Westerman: President Melissa Zimmermann: Secretary
Keith Robinson: Vice President Matt McDonnell
Lucy Aspinwall: Treasurer

STAFF Michelle Harkins
Heather Doty

AGENDA	TOPIC	PERSON IN CHARGE
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Breif IntroductionsAction: Approval of 2 previous minutes	Sam
Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brief OverviewAction: Approval of 2 previous financials	Lucy
TIF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update on Board Approved TIFs<ul style="list-style-type: none">BB, Vemco, Vet, White's and SafetyUpdate on all City Approved TIFs<ul style="list-style-type: none">Undammed, 1889, and TailwindsNew TIFIncoming	Michelle
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wild West Walls Recap<ul style="list-style-type: none">Art CommitteeRen Fair RecapCourts at North Park<ul style="list-style-type: none">FundingCommunity Change Grant	Michelle
Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AnnouncementsPublic CommentInnovation District - Updates	Sam
Events and Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Summary of decisions and action itemsNext Meeting: Nov 12th @ 1:15No Dec MeetingMeeting Concluded	Sam

BIRD Meeting Notes

Date: 10/08/24

In Attendance:

SamWesterman: President
LucyAspinwall: Treasurer
MattMcDonnell
JohnArmstrong
TimMcClean
Staff: Michelle Harkin

Topics Discussed:

1. TIF Updates:

Two new TIF applications expected for the November City Council approval.
Date for City Council approval: November 14th.

2. Wild West Walls Recap:

Key Learnings:

Gained a lot of details and understanding.
Learned not to pre-order paint.
Positive relationships between property owners and painters.

Action Points:

Increase the "Art Board" to involve more people for hosting and assistance.
Every artist volunteered to return for future events.

Festival Insights:

Artists had no out-of-pocket expenses while participating (lodging, paint, supplies, food were all covered).

Suggestions:

Form a committee of 5 active members to help with festival operations.

Future Plans:

Applied for another grant for murals.

3. Renaissance Fair Recap:

Windy condition on Friday and Saturday morning.
Great weather on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.
Estimated attendance: 10,000-12,000.

North Park Courts Update:

Courts resurfaced, including lighting, fencing, and basketball hoops.
2 basketball courts.
4 pickleball courts.

Announcements (by Tom):

The city is opening up more Brownfield projects, with EBURD being the primary focus.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

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AGENDA

 **DATE: 2 OCTOBER 2024**

 **TIME: 4PM - 5:15PM**

BOARD Sam Westerman: President Melissa Zimmermann: Secretary
 Keith Robinson: Vice President Absent- Matt McDonnell
 Lucy Aspinwall: Treasurer

STAFF Michelle Harkins

AGENDA	TOPIC
TIF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 years remaining • Priority to have all paybacks end 5 years before then end now, after 15 left, 3 years, 5 years 1 year left. • Ground up new build or complete redo of property - needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 12 years max- try to keep around 10 • Ground up new build or complete redo of property - not needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 10 years max- try to keep around 8 • Smaller projects- facade, fence, landscaping etc.- needed or visible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 8 years max- try to keep around 6 • Smaller projects- facade, fence, landscaping etc.- not as needed or visible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 6 years max- try to keep around 4
Priorities	<p>We need to discuss our priorities moving forward with the EBURD. Heather and I are currently are re-reading the mater plan. Please do so as well. This will help help work with A&E, and this will help as we move forward with TIFs and programming.</p>
Change in board approved TIFs	<p>We need to discuss a decrease for the approved board TIFs that have not been presented to council- this is due to the decrease and the continued sucuess of the EBURD. They will be given in a lump sum instead of over 3-4 years. They will be saving on interest over the years they would be waiting on repayments.</p>
Board approved TIFs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billings Brownstones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Board Approved : \$779,221 - 22 years - 16.67% - payback 4 years ◦ Updated Recommendation: \$540,000 - 15 years - 11.5% - 1 lump sum • Billings Animal Family Vet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Board Approved : \$563,182 - 16 years - 16.67% - payback 3 years ◦ Updated Recommendation: \$475,000 - 13.5 years - 14% - 1 lump sum • Vemco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Board Approved : \$36,000 - 15 years - 12% - payback 1 lump sum ◦ Updated Recommendation: \$26,000 - 8.8 years - 9% - 1 lump sum <p>All approved of changes</p>

Board Agenda

Tuesday, August 13th, 2024, 1:15 PM

Board Meeting at BIRD Office

- Call the meeting to order: Sam
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Action: Approval of previous board meeting minutes (May)– Sam
 - i. Attachment A
- Financials: Action: Approval of Finance Report (June/July) – Lucy
 - c. Attachment B
- Old Business
 - d. Events
 - i. 3-on-3, Wild West Walls, and Ren Fair
 - e. North Park
- New Business
 - f. Innovation update
 - g. TIF
 - i. Security
 - ii. Billings Animal Family Vet, Vemco, and White's
- Talking Points
- Announcements/Public Comment
- Adjourn Meeting
- Next Board Meeting – September 10th @ 1:15 pm
- Attachments – Minutes from July 2024 and July Financials

Billings Industrial Revitalization District

Meeting Notes – August 13, 2024 – 1:15 PM

Attendance:

Present: Keith, Lucy, Matt, Melissa
Executive Director: Michelle Harlen
Absent: Sam Wessler
Guests: Thom McLain, Neal Thompson (IMEG)

Motions:

Lucy moved to approve minutes; Matt seconded.
All in favor.
Melissa moved to approve financials; Matt seconded.
All in favor.

Events:

3 on 3 Tournament

Purpose: Raise money for courts at Veterans Park

Date: August 24, 2024

Note: Split proceeds with Veterans Park.
Wild West Walls

Funds raised: \$4,500

Purpose: To raise money for the project.

RenFaire

Temp crosswalk and additional parking needed for approximately 12,000 attendees.

Event dates: October 5-6, 2024

Setup: October 4, 2024

Melissa moved to pay some event expenses, including fencing, as per last year.

Note: \$20,000 proceeds from Ren Faire to go to North Park courts.

North Park

Finishing up fence gaps, installing poop bags and signage.

Expected completion: 30-40 days.

Proposal reviewed.

New Business:

Introduction to District Meeting

Meeting with Art & Architecture Studios regarding updates around 1st and 3rd Streets.

Tentative meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 2024, to discuss 3D technology.

Update on Grant

Grants submitted on August 5, 2024.

Finishing up documentation and technical support to finalize the *Sights for Uplift Grant*.

Security

Awaiting funding from FL/HF/FF to get security measures in place.

Facade Updates

Vanico : Facade work in progress.

White's Heating : Street paving planned.

Billings Animal Family Hospital : New construction on Brownstone expected next week.

Public Comments:

Handal discussed the Brownfield project, which has almost hit 70% of the budget. Any projects that may qualify for cleanup should reach out to Big Sky Economic Development (BSED).

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Board Agenda

Tuesday, July 9th, 2024, 1:15 PM

Board Meeting at BIRD Office

- Call the meeting to order: Sam
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Action: Approval of previous board meeting minutes (May)– Sam
 - i. Attachment A
- Financials: Action: Approval of Finance Report (June/July) – Lucy
 - c. Attachment B
- Old Business
 - d. Events
 - i. Annual Meeting and NestFest
 - e. North Park
 - f. Innovation update
- New Business
 - g. Innovation update
 - h. TIF
 - i. Security
 - j. Events
 - i. Wild West Walls – Sept 5-8
 - ii. Cattle Drive – Oct 12
 - iii. Ren Fair Oct 5-6
- K9Talking Points
- V. Announcements/Public Comment
- VI. Adjourn Meeting
- Next Board Meeting – June 11th @ 1:15 pm
- Attachments – Minutes from May 2024 and May/June Financials

Billings Industrial Revitalization District

Minutes
FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 1:15 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Sam Westerman, Keith Robinson, Melissa Zimmermann, Lucy Aspinwall, and Matthew McDonnell - Michelle Harkins (ED)

Absent: Matthew McDonnell

Others attending: John Armstrong, Brandon Treese

- Meeting called to order at 1:16 p.m.
- Introductions of all attendees
- Minutes:
 - Action: Approval of Minutes: Sam motioned, Keith Seconded, All in favor
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Action: Approval of Financial Reports- Melissa motion to approve by all, Sam second. All in favor-
- Old Business
 - a. Funds released for North Park from PFP approximately 49k- P66 10k grant came in.
 - b. NestFest- community appreciation the improvements- getting positive feedback – update on dog park use
 - c. Innovation District- Waiting on scheduling the 1st meeting and get the ball rolling
- New Business
 - d. Tif applications 2 or 3 coming in
 - i. Billings Brownstones, Vet clinic, and maybe MT Mobile
 - e. TIF review committee needs 1 or 2 people
 - f. Security- Sundown has better options.
 - i. Talked about stats, cost, schedule, and additional members
 - ii. Sam motioned to approve 15k for security- review every quarter
 - iii. Keith seconded and all approved.
 - 1. Moving to disc golf course when finished
 - g. Wild west walls sept 5-8
 - i. Eat and greet tomorrow
 - h. Ren faire Oct 5-6
 - i. Cattle drive N/A
 - j. Grant \$20 million
- Talking Points
 - k. John says crime appears to be lower
- Community Comments
 - l. John says crime appears to be lower

1:48 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting August 13, 2024 – 1:15-2:15

Board Agenda

Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, 1:15 PM
Board Meeting at BIRD Office

- I. Call the meeting to order: Sam
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Action: Approval of previous board meeting minutes (January) – Sam
 - i. Attachment A
- II. Financials: Action: Approval of Finance Report (April) – Lucy
 - a. Attachment B
- III. Old Business
 - a. 1889-TIF approved construction underway
 - b. Security – update – Matt
 - c. Membership Invoice were sent
- IV. New Business
 - a. Innovation update
 - b. TIF
 - i. 2 meetings this week about new projects
 - ii. White's schedule update
 - iii. Infrastructure cost breakdown
 - c. North Park
 - i. Dog Park Update
 - ii. Disc Golf Update
 - iii. Event
 - d. Events
 - i. Cattle Drive
 - ii. Wild West Walls
 - e. Annual Meeting
 - i. Invites, door prizes, agenda
 - f. Move
- V. Talking Points
- VI. Announcements/Public Comment
- VII. Adjourn Meeting
- VIII. Next Board Meeting – June 11th @ 1:15 pm
- IX. Attachments – Minutes from April 2024 and April Financials

**Minutes
FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, 1:15 p.m.**

Board members in attendance: Sam Westerman, Keith Robinson, Melissa Zimmermann, Lucy Aspinwall, and Matthew McDonnell - Michelle Harkins (ED)

Absent: Ken Kunkel

Others attending: Thom Greenwood, Hillary Rothstein, David Goodridge, Thom McClain, John Armstrong, Brandon Treese, Jim Markle

- Meeting called to order at 1:17 p.m.
- Introductions of all attendees and to the new BIRD office
- Minutes:
 - o Pending approval until received
- Treasurer's Report:
 - o Action: Approval of Financial Reports - Matt motion to approve by all, Sam second. All in favor.
- I. Old Business
 - a. 1889 TIF approval
 - b. Security update by Matt Stoval officer West submitted everything for approval. Ask to get them to present at the Board meeting
 - c. Membership invoices are out
- II. New Business
 - a. Innovation Update
 - b. Tif applications coming in
 - i. Billings Brownstones
 - ii. Vet clinic
 - iii. Ford paint and body shop
 - iv. Whites' road is on schedule to be completed this fall in engineering phase
 - v. North Park pads are dug and fence is being put in.
 - 1. Fountains are in.
 - 2. Moving to disc golf course when finished
 - 3. Grand opening June 22
 - vi. Wild West walls Sept 5-8 have 25 wall apps from property owners
 - vii. Ren faire Oct 5-6
 - viii. Cattle drive Oct 12
 - ix. Annual meeting June 14 door prizes combine more
 - c. Grant \$20 million
 - i. Bike path down 3rd Ave N, 13th and 20th
 - ii. LEED certified community center
 - iii. Bird purchasing property & creating a water retention area
 - iv. App due mid-November, but submit by July
- III. Talking Points
- IV. Community Comments
 - a. John Armstrong discussed blighted houses
 - b. Dave Goodridge local government review ballots went out

1:53 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting July 9, 2024 - 1:15-2:15

Minutes
FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, 1:15 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Sam Westerman, Keith Robinson, Lucy Aspinwall, and Matthew McDonnell
Michelle Harkins (ED), Heather Doty
Zoom: Ken Kunkel
Absent: Melissa Zimmermann
Others attending: Thom Greenwood, John Armstrong, Brandon Treese, Thom McClain

- Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m.
 - Introduction of all attendees
 - I. Minutes:
 - a. Action: Approval of previous board meeting minutes – Matt motion, Lucy second. All approved
 - II. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Action: Approval of Financial Reports – Matt motion, Lucy 2nd. All approved
 - III. Old Business
 - a. Board Retreat – pushed to fall
 - b. Security quote – Matt checking on his connection
 - IV. New Business
 - a. Innovation District – Update Matt – All good to go, committee built
 - b. 1889-TIF application
 - i. Approved – corner of 13th and 2nd
 - ii. Hopefully open by the end of summer
 - c. North Park Dog Park
 - i. Concrete went up from \$5k to \$30k –> \$13
 - d. North Park Disc Golf
 - i. Out of holes sponsors, just founding sponsors left
 - ii. Naming available \$5-\$7k
 - e. North Park Event Update
 - i. Swat, Fire Trucks, Maze, mini cows, face painters, etc.
 - ii. One hello fan event –> mayor possible in dunking tank
 - f. EBURD membership
 - i. All stuffed and mailed out –> Michelle and Heather
 - g. BIRD moving to Red Oxx Lawn
 - V. Talking Points
 - a. Automatic Door of Montana moved into the granite building, MT family owned –> great involved family, super kind
 - VI. Community Comments
 - a. Thom Greenwood talked about Veterans' Memorial at Dehler Park
 - b. John Armstrong wants our newer street lights along Q'sart and Framelot –> 15th and 6th
 - c. Thom McClain –> Better Off in Billings Event
 - i. Thirsty Street May 18th, 3:15-5pm awards @ 4:30 for Spaceto Place
 - VII. 1:56pm. Meeting adjourned.
- Next Board Meeting – May 14th at 1:15- New Office