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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Date and Time:** 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 13, 2016

**Location:** Home Loan Building, 205 N. 4th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, in the Board Room

In attendance:

David Ludlam

Craig Springer

John Justman

Chris McAnany

Drew Gorgey

Lisa Heman

### Meeting Minutes:

- I. Call to order at 2 pm.
- II. Approval of June Meeting Minutes.
  - a. C. Springer has an amendment to Section 7, Unscheduled Business, B. Item 6 Amend to say "Board suggests distributing passive returns to low interest loans eligible applicants."  
  
Item 5 "Board suggests retuning one half of the earnings on the corpus each year, currently estimated to be total earnings of 7% with the additional return of 3.5% back."
  - b. Motion to approve by D. Ludlam, second C. Springer. Voted. Approved.
- III. General public comment.
  - a. Clifton Fire Department requested extension for final documentation to be made electronic and given to S. Olsen and presenting a plaque at the Fire Station consistent with the Grant Program. Did go over the total project amount by \$268, and will take care of that amount on their own with seeking reimbursement from DOLA.
  - b. S. Olsen recommended that they be approved for reimbursement 2015-SM-Clifton Fire Protection District \$25,000. All paperwork was provided for board to review for meeting. J. Justman made move to approve payment. C. Springer second. Voted. Approved final payment.
  - c. Drew Gorgey gave a presentation and brief work history that includes he was the previous Garfield County Manager, Garfield County Attorney, City Manager for Glenwood Springs and with Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (FMLD). D. Gorgey has been with Garfield FMLD since its inception.
  - d. D. Gorgey presented what Glenwood is doing that might helpful to Mesa County FML. D. Gorgey reviewed our initial needs and how he might be a helpful fit to fill in the

position of Administrator for Mesa County FMLD, and has been approved by Garfield FMLD to help Mesa FMLD during the transition, if needed.

- e. D. Gorgey was able to help Garfield FMLD join the Special District Association of Colorado, approve grant cycle dates, transferred to Statewide Internet Portal Authority(SIPA) for free hosting, and create an opportunity to have every grant applicant do a special Capital Presentations meeting, with applicant presentations lasting no more than ten minutes, and documentation no longer than two pages for the Board. After the presentation, Mesa FMLD would have the most comprehensive Capital plans for the next few years for the county and a bigger picture overview of the area.
- f. Offered his services at the same rate as C. Reddin.
- g. J. Justman met with their Board in Garfield County, said Mesa applicants were very different than in Garfield County. There was a different atmosphere from their Board and their community.
- h. C. Springer said if we have an D. Gorgey as an Executive Director in the interim, and he left after the Administration position was filled, would basically mean the MCFMLD would be in the same transition position as they currently are.
- i. D. Ludlam clarified that he essentially is presenting himself to be a possible multiple county Executive Director for FMLD. Admin piece is essential and being present and able to do all the admin piece along with the Director piece.
- j. D. Gorgey said he would offer the same position that C. Reddin did. Feels his level of expertise might help alleviate that level of entitlement that Mesa County recipients have that the other counties do not have.
- k. D. Ludlam clarified that we would still need an admin person for the District, while he would be more of the Executive function to do the press releases, with the possibility of moving to do several districts.
- l. C. McAnany asked if he was a full-time position with Garfield County, D. Gorgey said he was about 10-16 hours a month.
- m. D. Ludlam thanked D. Gorgey for his presentation and closed public comment.

#### IV. Staff Updates.

- a. D. Ludlam asked S. Olsen and C. McAnany what their scope of work would be.
- b. S. Olsen said he was in charge of checks, audits, Quickbooks, regulatory compliance, yearly budgets, and financials. S. Olsen is estimating about 20-25 hours per month.
- c. C. McAnany advised the Board to hire an administrator as soon as they can. There are a lot of routine tasks that need to be handled for the day to day. During the interim, paralegal staff can be of assistance. Also, after someone is hired, to help with the transition. Agrees to have Eide Bailly focus on the financials.
- d. C. Springer asked about applicants for the Grant Administrator position. D. Ludlam stated there have been about 35 applications so far, with about 3 warranting an interview. Looking for someone who would be willing to lead the Board.
- e. C. McAnany advised the position would be best to have a contractor versus an employee for the FMLD.

- f. D. Ludlam said he felt that D. Gorgey would be more a legal piece and has a different model, but that the Mesa FMLD needs more that administrative piece, and that C. McAnany fulfills the legal piece, and D. Gorgey would be an additional legal piece. Feels the District definitely would need a communications and marketing person.
  - g. C. Springer said he felt that what C. Reddin did was great, and they would like to continue with what she had done. Feels there would be a duplicate with having D. Gorgey on board.
  - h. J. Justman agreed, but also said that D. Gorgey might be a good resource for C. McAnany and the Mesa FMLD based on what he has done with the other districts.
  - i. C. McAnany and D. Ludlam agreed that they would need to move forward with an actual administrator. D. Ludlam said he would go through the applicants and if it was ok with the other board members. D. Ludlam would start the interviews and hire someone on a temporary three month trial.
  - j. J. Justman and C. Springer agreed to allow D. Ludlam to hire someone for a three-month trial.
- V. Consent agenda:
- a. S. Olsen said the paperwork for the grant payments presented were good.
  - b. Motion to approve consent agenda by J. Justman. Second by D. Ludlam. Voted. Approved.
- VI. Unscheduled business.
- a. Lisa Heman is the Principal in charge of the Federal Mineral Lease District Audit. Mesa FMLD has the same audit standards as the State of Colorado government.
  - b. Encourage the same control standards of check signings and bank statements that are in place and all third party administrators.
  - c. No Journal entries were adjusted this year, all audits were clean. Eide Bailly was following GAP and there were no findings. L. Heman will email out all the statements and need signatures to that say the Board agrees that all the information has been turned over and the Board is not aware of any fraud.
  - d. C. McAnany asked for a request for extension for the signing of the audit results, because the Board will not meet before July 31<sup>st</sup>. L. Heman would file that request.
  - e. D. Ludlam asked about Investment Authority. C. McAnany said FMLD does not have any investment authority beyond that which accrue to special district authority. Local governments do not have wide range investment authority.
  - f. Colorado Mesa University and Colorado State University filed legislature to get special ability to invest.
  - g. D. Ludlam asked if it might be something that the FMLD could come together and file to be able to invest the money. C. McAnany said it would be worth meeting with the other Districts and filing together to change the law. C. McAnany said that the PERA is getting around a 6% return on investments. D. Ludlam said that was better than 0.1% return.
  - h. J. Justman is ok with the District exploring the investment opportunity.

- i. D. Ludlam asked C. McAnany to start getting meetings set up and look into legislation.
- VII. Motion to adjourn by J. Justman, second by D. Ludlam. Voted. Approved.
- VIII. Adjourned at 3:11 p.m.