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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date and Time: 2:00 PM on Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting (Replay on our YouTube Channel and our Facebook Page)

Attendees:

Dusti Reimer
John Justman
Quint Shear
Craig Springer
Christine Madsen
Karen Kllanxhja
Matt Rosenberg

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order.
 - a. Quint Shear made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Justman second. Voted. Approved.
- II. General Public Comment.
 - a. None.
- III. Approval of the November Meeting and Special November Meeting Minutes.
 - a. John Justman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Q. Shear second. Voted. Approved.
- IV. Staff Report.
 - a. D. Reimer said the postings to our social media channels for the month of November were about our meeting minutes being available, the meeting agenda had been posted, the two meetings were uploaded to YouTube, the 2021 draft budget notice was posted, we live streamed both meetings on Facebook, we posted the new article on the East Orchard Mesa Tender truck and photos of the new tender truck shared by East Orchard Mesa.
 - b. D. Reimer said the media we received this past month was from the Daily Sentinel for the East Orchard Mesa Tender Truck. The grants requesting payment is a final payment request from East Orchard Mesa. They made quick work with their grant. The total requested amount is for \$59,850, which is \$1,750 under budgeted award. Here

are photos of the truck. They even have our logo and sticker on there already. Here are photos of it shooting water and the updated inside that shows it is now an automatic. They said there is a time, when we get back together, they'd like to bring it down to show the board.

c. D. Reimer said invoices for the month of November are for Dufford Waldeck Invoice# 22820 for \$1,654 for services, Dusti Reimer Invoice #153 for \$3,813.07 for services and supplies, and Eide Bailly Invoice #Elo1073301 for \$1,010.52 for Quick Book fees and services. D. Reimer said this is the notice that was published in the Daily Sentinel for the 30-day public notice for the budget. It was posted to our website and online. This notice was posted on our social media as well. We have not received any comments or feedback at all in regard to the budget. As a reminder, the budget we will be dealing with is for \$495,556.20.

d. D. Reimer said for upcoming events, in January we will have a new Commissioner appointed to the board, our January public board meeting is scheduled for January 20th and our budget packet is due to DOLA by January 31st. We will approve it today and we have until the 31st to get the meeting minutes and resolutions to submit it by the 31st.

e. Q. Shear made a motion to approve the staff report. J. Justman second. Voted. Approved.

V. Review of Financials.

a. C. Madsen said we have \$1,107,954.41 under the fund balance. WE have \$1,841,948.77 in the permanent fund. We have \$400,000 in grants payable and \$2,340,898.76 for retained earnings and \$209,004.42 for net income.

b. C. Madsen said for our profit and loss for November, we have legal fees for \$880, accounting fees for \$1,910.52 and contract services for \$3,750, dues and memberships of \$39.97 and unrealized gain/loss in the permanent fund of \$124,160.50 and \$0.05 of interest earned and \$1,208.12 of dividend income. That leaves us with a net income of \$118,788.18.

c. C. Madsen said our A/P Aging Summary we have City of Fruita for \$50,000, CMU for \$88,400, East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District for \$61,600, Grand Junction Police Department for \$150,000 and Lower Valley Fire Protection District for \$50,000 giving us a total of \$400,000 in grants.

d. C. Madsen said for the budget we're still under the budget for outside services, advertising, auditing, insurance and the rest is the same as last month. That's it for the financials.

e. D. Reimer said I wanted to interject quick, we added a line for leftover funds.

d. C. Madsen said I think it is on the budget.

f. D. Reimer said yes, maybe it's on the budget. I know Quint had asked for that at the last meeting.

g. Q. Shear said I saw it somewhere; I think it's on the budget.

H. Q. Shear made a motion to approve the financials. J. Justman second. Voted. Approved.

VI. Review of the Investment Account.

a. D. Reimer said the statement was sent over. The account is doing well and it's up. The statement is from December 2, 2020. The ending value is \$1,859,655. We're getting close to that \$2 million mark. This has been posted to the website already. The rest I would defer to Matt if you have any questions.

b. Q. Shear made a motion to approve the investment report. J. Justman second. Voted. Approved.

VII. Discussion, Review and Approval of Budget for 2021.

a. D. Reimer said this is the draft budget we posted to the website for review. We have administrative at \$3,000. I'm not sure if that falls under administration with adobe, and Microsoft subscription costs, but I thought it would be better to have that on there, than not. We have the audit listed on there with contract labor and insurance. We have a \$100,000 contribution to the permanent fund and \$400,000 in grants to award for next year. If I remember correctly, if the administration and the audit stay the same, then contract labor will have to come down. I can pull up that spreadsheet. The last discussion we had there would be some conversation with Chadwick Steinkirchner to see if there would be any wiggle room for the audit this next year.

b. Q. Shear said I left a message two weeks ago and I have not heard from them. I got a call back and we've played phone tag ever since. I'm sorry we do not have a final answer with that. I'll try them again this week and I apologize for that.

c. C. Springer said I think the record should reflect the really remarkable flexibility that has been shown to us by our Executive Director and our attorney to make sure we get under this bar to not exceed 10% of our grant income. From the Board I would like to say again, thank you very, very much. It's admirable and remarkable what both of you have done. We have to have you guys, the work that you do. We just can't afford to pay as much as we have been paying for it. That is really not a good place to be and you guys stepped up and at least to me, it demonstrated we have the right people working for the district here. If folks will step up when the bullets are flying you've got the right people. Thank you very much from a grateful Chairman. We would have had a hard time making these two ends of the string come together without you guys. Hopefully, we'll be able to make it up to you down the road. Thank you very much. Fellow board members.

d. J. Justman made a motion to approve the 2021 budget as presented. Q. Shear second. Voted. Approved.

VIII. Unscheduled Business.

a. D. Reimer said Derek Wagner, from CMU, reached out to me yesterday. I forwarded to you guys their update. As a reminder they were awarded the \$88,400 and they have some changes to their grant proposal and medical technologies as things have been unfolding. I'll pull up the letter so everyone can be on the same page. They were awarded a grant with School District 51 for capital equipment necessary for continued COVID-19 testing. There have been rapid developments. They would like permission to modify their original equipment list that would include a lower priced PCR machine which will enable our faculty to purchase a Biosafety cabinet with necessary accessories and other necessary items specified in the updated budget form. The budget form has the original grant award and CMU and D51 budget to match. It is still within the 70/30 allotment. Actually, more like 60/40. The original digital PCR equipment was almost \$100,000. It was about \$95,000 or \$96,000. This one listed is for \$42,283. Then the safety cabinet with supplies for \$16,250, there is a blower, parts for inhouse manufacturing, an ice maker, an ultra-low freezer and some other PPE and equipment like centrifuges that go along with it.

b. Q. Shear said they are just changing the package that comes along with it.

c. D. Reimer said yes, that's the way it sounds. A Cheaper PCR machine and the equipment to go with it. The original grant request was for \$200,000 with a bunch of other things on there, but we could only give them \$88,400.

d. Q. Shear said if anyone cares, I looked up what a PCR machine is. They study genetics-plant, animal and human genetics. That's the primary purpose of it.

e. D. Reimer said I had no idea.

f. C. Springer said the request is essentially is the same scope of work, but jus a different equipment package than originally applied for.

g. D. Reimer said yes.

h. J. Justman said you asked the question I had in mind, so I don't have anything.

i. C. Springer said it is cutting edge what they are doing there. I appreciate that we asked a question and I appreciate that they answered it. I'll entertain a motion to approve the amended grant request from Colorado Mesa University.

j. Q. Shear made the motion. J. Justman second. Voted. Approved.

k. D. Reimer said she would send this over to Chris to draw up a new contract and have it sent over to them for a signature.

l. C. Springer asked if there were any other questions for unscheduled business.

m. Q. Shear asked Dusti who it is we were dealing with at Chadwick Steinkirchner on the audit side.

n. D. Reimer said Lisa Heman has always been our auditor.

o. Q. Shear said we were playing phone tag, so I'm hoping to get an answer from them. Hopefully we can adjust the budget a little bit.

p. J. Justman said I just want to say thanks for putting up with me for the last 3, 4, 7 years or whatever it was. This will be my last meeting and you will be getting a new person in January. I wish you all the luck and I'll have to come up with some kind of a project I can put in for, I guess.

q. Q. Shear said John it's been a pleasure working with you. I've enjoyed seeing you every month.

r. C. Springer said speaking from my standpoint John, it's been a pleasure working with you. We've had some interesting stuff that's come up over the past 7 years. You've been there and always supported the District and the people of Mesa County and we're grateful for your service. Thank you very much.

s. J. Justman said this has been the quickest 8 years of my life. The vast majority of it has been enjoyable. I've met a lot of different commissioners from all over the world. And dealing with Northern California commissioners is just like dealing with our county commissioners. No matter who you talk to from where, many have the same issues in their counties that we do. I never gave it a thought, until then. A lot of the whole United States is people who are ranchers and farmers. I'm certainly glad I did it and I had a good time doing it and I hope I did some good things along the way.

t. C. Springer said thanks for your good work, John. Thanks for your friendship.

u. Q. Shear said thanks for your service, John. We appreciate it.

v. D. Reimer said it's been great working with you John.

w. Q. Shear made a motion to adjourn this meeting. J. Justman second. Voted. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm.