

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Missouri River Historical Development Inc.**

Holiday Inn, Sioux City, Iowa

April 6, 2015

**Members present:** Dave Bernstein, Carolyn Ellwanger, Larry Jensen, Treyla Lee, Linda Linduski, Jim Marshall, Bruce Miller, Mark Monson, Jackie Smith, Dale Tigges, Charese Yanney, Doug Young

**Members absent:** Larry Clausen, Ron French, Steve Ponder, Gloria Welte

**Others present:** Barb Orzechowski, attorney; Curt Beason, attorney (by phone); Ashlee French, Hard Rock Hotel and Casino; Jordan Ogren, KTIV

Mark Monson opened the meeting.

Jim Marshall made a motion to approve the March minutes. Carolyn Ellwanger seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Marshall made a motion to accept the agenda. Carolyn Ellwanger seconded. Motion carried.

**Visitors items:** Ashlee French updated the board on activities at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. She said the facility would be selling limited edition pins to promote various nonprofit organizations in the region. Additionally, it will sponsor the Farmers Market and RAGBRAI as well as donate scholarships to students in the area. A full range of summer concerts will be announced shortly; additionally HRC will host other outdoor events.

**Closed session:** Dale Tigges made a motion to go into closed session to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the government body in that litigation, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (c)

Doug Young seconded.

In a roll-call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion. (Member absent and not voting: Larry Clausen, Ron French, Steve Ponder, Gloria Welte.)

Closed session discussion followed.

Charese Yanney made a motion to come out of closed session. Doug Young seconded. In a roll-call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion. (Member absent and not voting: Larry Clausen, Ron French, Steve Ponder, Gloria Welte.)

Mark Monson said there were no action items as a result of the closed session.

**RAGBRAI:** Members of the board said they had been approached about supporting RAGBRAI events when it comes to Sioux City. Because there isn't a grant period between now and the start of the bicycle race, they were asked to fund some of the activities. Erika Newton, director of the Events Facility Department, told members she would like to prepare a proposal and present it at the next meeting for approval. Mark Monson said the matter would be added to the next month's agenda.

**Nominating Committee:** Doug Young said the committee would be meeting to discuss new board members and the possibility of adding a fifth person to the executive board. Young asked the board to submit names of potential members.

**Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center:** The Center will host a number of people during RAGBRAI and, as a result, will have a need for security, water and portable toilets. Charese Yanney made a motion to give the center \$5,000 to cover those expenses. Linda Linduski seconded. Motion carried.

**Grants:** Mark Monson said there were 82 applications for the May grants; \$721,000 was requested. Board members wondered if the committee needed more money to fund additional grants. It was decided to let the committee review the applications first. Then, if those members felt there was a need for more funding, they could request it at next month's meeting.

There being no further business, Jim Marshall made a motion to adjourn. Charese Yanney seconded. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Bruce Miller  
secretary