

Board of Directors Meeting

Missouri River Historical Development Inc.

Holiday Inn, Sioux City, Iowa
July 6, 2015

Members present: Dave Bernstein, Larry Clausen, Carolyn Ellwanger, Ron French, Treyla Lee, Linda Linduski, Jim Marshall, Bruce Miller, Mark Monson, Jackie Smith, Dale Tigges, Doug Young

Interim members: Mike Collett, Roxanne Gould, Dakin Schultz.

Members absent: Larry Jensen, Steve Ponder, Gloria Welte, Charese Yanney

Others present: Barb Orzechowski, attorney; Curt Beason, attorney.

Mark Monson opened the meeting and introduced the members who are awaiting Racing and Gaming approval: Mike Collett, Roxanne Gould and Dakin Schultz.

Ron French made a motion to approve the June minutes. Larry Clausen seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Marshall made a motion to accept the agenda. Linda Linduski seconded. Motion carried.

Closed session: Jim Marshall 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) Carolyn Ellwanger seconded.

In a roll-call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion. Dave Bernstein joined the discussion in progress. (Members absent and not voting: Larry Jensen, Steve Ponder Gloria Welte and Charese Yanney.)

Closed session discussion followed.

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

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

Grant Review: Mark Monson said information regarding the 2015 Special Grants program has been released. The grants will range from \$25,000 to \$250,000 and a total of \$750,000 will be awarded Oct. 15 at the Encounter Center.

Application requests will begin July 15. All applications must be in by Sept. 3. The committee (Dale Tigges, Treyla Lee, Jackie Smith, Ron French and Dave Bernstein) will

meet Sept. 21 to review the grants, then submit its recommendations Oct. 5 to the board for approval. A new rating system has been put in place for the grants. Among the changes: a decrease in the percentage for recognition and a caveat regarding 25 percent matching funds.

Bylaws: In order to be in line with other Iowa nonprofits, board members asked Curt Beason to research statewide term limits and report back in September for consideration. At that time, the board should be better equipped to align its term limits accordingly. Since there is no August meeting, this is the earliest the matter could be considered.

Nominating committee: Doug Young said the committee met and had four more recommendations: Scott Pack (law enforcement); Gerardo Hernandez (community leader); Bob DeSmidt (at large) and Stacy Harmelink (Chamber of Commerce).

Jim Marshall made a motion to approve the four. Ron French seconded. Motion carried. Pending approval, they will begin terms in 2016. The three already approved and the four additions will be placed in the rotation so there will be an orderly succession of members.

Interpretive Center: Mark Monson detailed the events slated for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

There will be no board meeting in August.

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

Respectively submitted,
Bruce Miller
secretary