

**January 8, 2018**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Missouri River Historical Development Inc.  
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

**Members present:** Amanda Beller, Dave Bernstein, Bob DeSmidt, Carolyn Ellwanger, Cyndi Hanson, Stacey Harmelink, Cammy Hauswirth, Colonel Krage, Treyla Lee, Linda Linduski, Eddie Lofland, Larry Obermeyer, Scott Pack, John Schuetz, Dakin Schultz, Diana Wooley, Doug Young. Mike Collette arrived after the closed session.

**Others Present:** Barb Orzechowski and Doug Phillips, legal counsel; Ashlee French, Hard Rock Hotel and Casino; Ty Rushing, Sioux City Journal

Dakin Schultz opened the meeting.

Treyla Lee made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Linda Linduski. Motion carried. Bob DeSmidt made a motion to approve the November 6, 2017 minutes, seconded by Diana Wooley. Motion carried.

**Hard Rock Update.** Ashlee French stated Hard Rock is doing well; New Year's Eve was busy despite the cold weather. They are looking at changing up promotional offerings, and are currently lining up bands for Battery Park this summer.

**Closed Session.** Bob DeSmidt 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), seconded by Treyla. In a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion. (Members absent and not voting: Mike Collette.) Bob DeSmidt made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Doug Young. In a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion. (Members absent and not voting: Mike Collette.) No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

**Treasurer's Report.** Bob DeSmidt provided an update on the financials. Hard Rock is staying generally consistent with revenue, and had a better month in November. A review of future cash projections shows there may be approximately \$332,000 of uncommitted cash on hand at June 30, 2018. Additional legal fees can be expected in the coming months. Treyla made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Amanda Beller. Motion carried.

**Bank Signatures.** Bob advised that documents have been signed by the new Board officers for all the banks MRHD is currently doing business with.

**2017-18 Budget.** Mark Monson provided a review of the current budget.

**2018 Officers and Directors and Assignments.** Dakin reviewed the new list of Board members, advisors, and news media. He then discussed Committee assignments for the year. There is also a new list for Board member attendance at celebration/recognition events for the year, divided

up by quarter. The full Board will be advised of any upcoming events, but those identified by a certain quarter are being asked to attend as many as possible during that time frame. Dakin stated this will help Board members become more knowledgeable about the organizations MRHD supports, and also provide more visibility for Board members.

**Vice President Nomination.** Dakin advised the Executive Committee is recommending Amanda Beller for Vice President of MRHD. Diana made a motion to nominate Amanda Beller for Vice President, seconded by Treyla. Motion carried.

**Executive Committee Members.** Dakin advised last year the Executive Committee was increased to seven members to assist with the transition of long-term Board officers to newer Board officers. Diana made a motion to return to five members on the Executive Committee, seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

**New Board Members for 2019.** Dakin advised that four Board members rotated off in December, and four more will rotate off in December 2018. Dakin asked for suggestions for future Board members, and that those suggestions be sent to Mark Monson by February 1. The Board can have a maximum of 26 members, and a minimum of 13; it is currently at 18. Dakin will send an email advising of the categories of open positions, i.e., education, law enforcement, rural, hospitality.

**2018 Board and Executive Committee Meetings.** A list of meeting dates for Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings was provided to the Board.

**Scholarship Qualifications.** Mark reviewed the qualifications for students to receive MRHD scholarships. A recommendation was made in #1 to consider students “who have or will be graduating” from Woodbury County schools. A meeting is being held with representatives from each of the Sioux City colleges on January 30.

**Scholarship Awards.** Scholarship grants for 2018 will be awarded to the four colleges on February 1 at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center beginning at 2:00 pm.

**Ag & Expo Center.** The Sioux City Journal reported their fundraising goal has been met, and they are moving forward with their plans.

**Trails Update.** No update.

**Cone Park Update.** The ice rink should be completed in January, and MRHD will be recognized for their contribution.

**Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center Update.** A listing of upcoming events was provided to the Board.

**Other Items.** Dakin advised of upcoming IRGC meetings which will be held in Council Bluffs in April, and in Sioux City at the Hard Rock on June 14. Board members are encouraged to attend. Dakin also stated discussions regarding a transition plan are going to start in the near future.

Treylla discussed the need to add to the endowment for the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center to ensure it is financially secure in the future. Colonel Krage inquired about the grants process, and Mark provided a brief overview.

There being no further business, Stacy Harmelink made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Collette. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Ellwanger, Secretary