

BIRTLE MINIOTA & DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Meeting Notes for the Regular meeting of January 15th, 2024
VIA ZOOM

The Birtle Miniota & District CDC met for a regular meeting in person Monday January 15th, 2024.

Members in Attendance: Steve Desjardins, Nat Howard, Mike Fulcher, Delbert Cole, Brian Lee, Linda Clarke

Regrets: Mike Fulcher, Jeanine Cymbalisky,

Staff: Eleanor Dnistransky, Zoey Jebb, Charlene Bonchuk

Agenda Motion: Delbert/Linda To accept the agenda as presented. Carried.

Board Member: Motion: Brian/Steve To Accept the resignation of Jeanine Cymbalisky. Carried

Minutes Motion: Steve/Linda To adopt the minutes of Dec 6, 2023 as previously received. Carried.

Financials Motion: Financials were reviewed **Motion:** Delbert/Steve to adopt the Dec. 2023 Financial Statements and the receivables as previously sent to the board and reviewed at the meeting.

Spending policy: Motion: Delbert/Steve To have CDC Staff obtain authorization from PVM CAO in regards to expenses, within the parameters of the budget, so staff are not required to wait for a meeting of the board. It will be reported to the board at the following meeting and or through the financial statements. Carried

Economic Dev Officer: Zoey Jebb has been hired and begin working today, Jan 15/24. Introductions made. 30 and 90 day goals were previously provided.

Tourism Westman Ad Motion: Linda/Steve to readvertise in the Southwest Visitors guide \$1040.00 Carried.

Trails Grant: Eleanor applied for a grant for Signage (SBT) snowshoe storage cont. & a bench. She will collaborate with Valley Rec on the project.

Miniota Building: No enquiries to date. The ad still has to be placed in the Virden paper. Staff re-advertised on facebook and contacted salons in Virden.

Birtle Salon Floor: Selbys will come out end of the month to look at space. Tenant advised color they would prefer. **CDC Bldg.** – Water was frozen yesterday with the cold temps – Salon and bathroom (cold). Staff thawed pipes and got it working. Getting Ted to come over to put heat tape on in salon area.

Budget: Staff will work on a budget for the 2024 yr. and will go over with the board at our next meeting.

MTEC Tourism Educ. Council workshop – Free Feb 21-22 Staff will try to attend.

Southwest Business Expo – Deloraine \$50 Feb 7. Zoey will attend.

EDAM Membership: Motion: To purchase a organization membership for \$350. Carried

Walking Bridge & Youth Project: Charlene shared the cost of the walking bridge replacement estimate which was \$355,000. It was received in 2021 from Pier solutions. Discussion on the students working on this as part of the landscaping course in school. Even if it does not materialize it is a good exercise and offers us the chance to work with youth. Steve & Zoey will meet with the course instructor to develop a plan for a bridge in the park and include permits needed etc.
Discussion also held on a project that could develop a plan for north ridge.

Development Committee: Discussion on having a development committee for Lots for Sale. Decision to wait till the new EDO has had time to work on the required 30 day and 3 month requirements to see if it will fit in.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting in Miniota Feb. 7/24

ADJOURN: Linda / Brian