

Mineral County Pioneer Council-Minutes- October 25, 2018 - St. Regis Senior Center

Members Present: Monte Turner, Laurie Fillo, Sherrill Christensen, Dennis Christensen, Patsy Foote, Lori Phelps, Carol Bidwell, Patti Curtin, Shannon Hederick, Elizabeth McCawley and Lyn Hellegaard.

Meeting was opened at 10:15AM

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the board meeting held on September 27, 2018 were reviewed
Monte moved to approve the minutes, Laurie seconded the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Sherrill reported the Transportation program has a balance of \$1,533.83. The Commodities program has a balance of \$4,813.50. **Monte moved to approve the minutes, Patti seconded the motion passed unanimously.**

Transportation Report: Dennis gave the ridership, operation and expense information. **Sherrill moved to approve the minutes; Lori seconded the motion passed unanimously.**

MTA Report: Lyn reported the Spring Conference will be in Great Falls, April 17-19 and the Fall Business Meeting/State Bus Rodeo will be held in Butte, September 6-7. She said she had been in contact with the FTA Region VIII Administrator about any regulations prohibiting agencies from purchasing vehicles from local dealers, if they are cheaper than MDT can acquire them.

Commodities Report: Patti reported they have 85 clients. She said if the Senior Center is available for the December commodities there will be a breakfast before the distribution.

OLD BUSINESS

Vehicle Fundraiser: Lyn reported fundraising letters had been sent to 12 foundations and approximately 60 letters sent to Mineral County businesses asking them to donate their Montana State Fund dividend check. The letter Lyn received from the State fund indicated \$43 million would be distributed. Lyn said she had a request from Idaho Logging Group for a W-9, so she anticipates they'll be donating. It was discussed the last day for donations or notification of donation would be February 28, 2019. Patti indicated the County would be donating \$1,500 and wanted to be kept updated as to the progress. Current capital fund balance is \$100. Lyn was given a list of 4 additional companies to send requests.

Commodities Building: Glenn reported the construction was underway and requested a check for \$529.59 for building materials and \$580.00 to the contractor for labor.

Christmas Stroll: Patti reported no one has committed to organizing the Christmas Stroll, which is normally held December 1st. There was a discussion about other holiday events and whether MCPC should participate. This was tabled until the next meeting. Patti said she would email the membership any pertinent updates.

St. Regis Senior Center Status Report: Patti reported the Senior Center is struggling to stay open. It costs approximately \$5,000/month to operate. Patti said she has volunteered to act as Treasurer until someone else can be found. She said the County Commissioners said they would get a \$1500 per year increase, which would amount to \$5,500 per year. She said if we could come up with three events for kids we could apply for a Go Grant from the Headwater Foundation. Another of the Senior Centers is having some success with this strategy. Lyn suggested partnering with the Fish Museum, Colbert Fly Fishing or another outdoor retailer to hold a Fly Fishing teaching event for kids. It was agreed that everyone would bring one suggestion for an event

to the next meeting. Lyn suggested obtaining a North Western Energy audit to obtain any suggestion on energy savings.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2020 Transportation Coordination Plan. Lyn said she'd like to get the plan approved at the December meeting. This would give at least a month; if some unforeseen reason delayed the approval.

AED Pads. Laurie said she found adult pads for the expired AED for \$46. She requested permission to purchase. She said she didn't believe we needed to replace the infant pads at this time. Approval was given by Sherrill and Lyn.

Website: There was a discussion regarding a web page for the Council. Lyn said she could set one up on Weebly, the hosting is free. There might be a charge for the domain name. She said after it was developed she would notify the members for comments for improvement.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Next meeting will be November 29, 2018.

Sherrill Christensen, Secretary/Treasurer