

## SMART BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 1, 2009

Members Present: Steve Zachmann, Christy Follmer, Karol Zachmann, Jaden Hastig, Norton Walker, Candy Loehding, Lacey Whitney

Members Absent: Sandy Kinsey, Selena Nelson

February 17<sup>th</sup> Minutes were read. Norton made a motion to approve the minutes, Karol seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Report was distributed. Discussion was held regarding the loan fund account which is currently labeled as Bank of Baker CD2. Mona will rename this account as Loan Fund.

***DIRECTOR'S REPORT:*** Mona reported that she had sent in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Fallon County support claim. She is working with Nadine Elmore at Dahl Memorial in Ekalaka for a new clinic building and air conditioning. Mona contacted Stevens Design in Miles City to have them go to Ekalaka to complete a preliminary architectural report. That needs to be done to apply for any grants. Mona has researched the Keystone XL Pipeline proposal since she has had several people inquire about it. Mona reported that the spring MEDA Conference will be held June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in Fairmont Hot Springs. Mona shared an email from Rich Batterman stating an update of the TIF situation. Mona requested Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> off to attend a family function in South Dakota, which was granted.

### ***OLD BUSINESS:***

**Trading Card Program:** Christy reported that she had spoken with Don Schillinger, Baker Schools Superintendent, regarding the program. He thought it was a great idea and that we should implement it at the beginning of the school year. Christy also spoke with Dave Blake, Elementary School Principal, who also thought the program was a great idea. Discussion was held about the layout of the cards. Christy and Mona will go to the area school boards to "sell" the program in June. They will have the pamphlets, card layout, and criteria finalized before they go to the school boards.

**Goals:** At the next meeting the Board will revisit 4 or 5 goals we had discussed at earlier meetings.

**Building Inventory:** Mona will get started on a business building inventory so we can discuss what we want to do for improving the downtown area.

**Budget:** Mona will provide a copy of last year's budget so the Board can work on a budget for 2009.

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

Steve Olson met with Mona last week. He is the Regional Director, Dept. of Labor, Workforce Services Division – Job Service. WIRED is Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Development. His office

provides funding for employee training in the areas of renewable energy - biofuels, infrastructure, electrical, truck driving, hazmat, plus many other field areas. They provide on the job training for new hires and current employees to gain more skills to move up in their companies. An employer can apply for funds to help offset the cost of training a new employee. He also said that they provide materials for teaching people basic employment skills. Mona will get in touch with the Miles City Job Service office to get that information and get more information on the WIRED program.

Mona reported that SMART had received a request for support for the Health Fair to be held April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed our criteria for making donations. SMART will make donations to an organization/event that is engaged in promoting and enhancing a healthy environment, social and educational growth. This is what our mission as an organization is. Karol made a motion for SMART to donate \$25 to the Health Fair, Candy seconded it. Motion passed. Mona will also assist at the fair.

Lacey Whitney gave a presentation on iLearningGlobal, which is a technology company that offers a website that combines technology with personal development and business training. You can take online courses through this site. And it allows you to network with people in your own "course." There is a monthly membership of \$79.95. This company also wants you to sign up to be part of the Mastermind Group which is a tiered system. The more people you have signed up under you, the more money you will make.

As there was no other new business, Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Christy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.