

Malad City/Oneida County Economic Development meeting was held April 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Malad City Hall. Those in attendance were Chairman Jaime Olsen, Joan Hawkins, Larry Thomas, Lance Tripp, Tyrell Neal, Bill Lewis, Molly Beseris, Teresa McKnight, and Susan Wittman.

Joan moved to approve March 29th, 2023 minutes. Bill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Susan reported Dawn Richard has expressed interest in the Chamber of Commerce. Lance had business names and Tyrell also had the Malad Valley Theater solicitation list. It was decided to have a Malad Chamber of Commerce Banquet on July 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm and invite businesses to come and encourage reorganizing the board. Hamburgers and chips will be served. Lance presented the chamber by-laws.

The next economic development meeting will be June 28, 2023.

Teresa and Molly reported on the Smithfield Utah Recreation Center site visit they attended with Tyrell. They met with Director Brett Daniels. They found out the city funds about 35% of the building and the school district funds the rest of it. City workers work there, and school district workers work there. They have a pool, fitness center, a huge gym with four full-size courts and some drop down curtains. They have hiking class, Yoga classes, mom and tot's classes, cooking, and craft classes. There are problems sometime with school activities and they have to close it down. He said a city stand alone building is the ideal situation. They bonded to get the building. They also have a recreation district. Utah has a RAPZ tax of 0.1% to the sales tax of sales in their recreation district. They also have monthly memberships. Teresa suggested a question be asked to the Governor tomorrow about Idaho getting the RAPZ tax. Teresa said more pressure needs to be put on our state leaders for economic development.

Teresa has a website company from Blackfoot Idaho, interested in helping rural communities develop websites. It would cost \$2,000.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm