

Malad City/Oneida County Economic Development Foundation meeting was held August 30, 2023 at Malad City Hall at 6:00 pm. Those in attendance were Chairman Jaime Olsen, Joan Hawkins, Tyrell Neal, Lance Tripp, Brian Jeppsen, Bill Lewis, Secretary Susan Wittman, Molly Berseris 4CASITeresa McKnight, Mandi and Alex Conger. Larry Thomas and Ken Eliason were absent.

Brian moved to approve June 28, 2023 minutes as written. Joan seconded the motion.

Malad Chamber of Commerce President, Mandi Hess, updated the board on Chamber of Commerce business. She said four years of IRS taxes have not been paid. They are going to get the taxes current. They have had a challenge getting the bank account turned over. Tonight, the Chamber Treasurer is meeting with former board members Charles Wolz and Eric Crowther to go over the chamber's financial records. Mandi talked about the events the chamber will be doing next year. The Chamber has officially taken over the Car Show, Festival of Trees, and will be offering ISU business classes. They are discussing putting together a fun fundraiser next summer. They are keeping the trademark, "Malad Where Idaho Begins". The square account is connected to shopmalad.com.

Teresa McKnight with REDI updated on the Eastern Idaho Workforce Connector that will be held September 22, 2023. The 4th Annual REDI Conference will be in October 2023.

Teresa and Molly discussed with the board how to be prepared if a potential company lead comes available. The board will bring to the next meeting potential properties that could be a potential site and infrastructure that would be available or would be needed.

Molly Beseris with 4 CASI reported that both Gem Grants have been closed. A U.S. Forest Service grant has been awarded to a company to purchase a piece of equipment. They will employ 11 people. Molly is writing a Day Care grant to extend one of the day cares to 16 kids. Molly has written three Place Making Grants for all the four counties she serves. This grant will evaluate public spaces. Joan and Lance will be attending those meetings. Molly is working on a multifamily review. Molly and Tyrell have been working on a walking grant. The grant is sponsored by AARP. On September 13, 2023 at 7:00 Molly and Tyrell invited the commission to meet at the city park and start walking and encourage the benefit of walking. On Thursday September 14, 2023 there will be a training from noon to 4:00 pm for the city council and county commissioners on how to become a walking leader. At 5:00 pm on the 14th a walking audit will be done to evaluate the conditions of the sidewalks, curb, and gutters.

Mayor Hawkins received a text from Mandi Hess that the Chamber is in possession of all financial documents and the taxes had been paid.

The need for an advisory board was discussed. It was discussed that when there are projects, an advisory committee could be created at that time. Everyone was asked to think of potential members.

Brian Jeppsen reported on the Community Day of Service on September 9, 2023. Brian also invited everyone to the Constitution Celebration on September 16, 2023 at the City Park at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting will be October 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.