

**RED WILLOW COUNTY VISITORS COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

**(December Meeting)**

**3:00 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, Keystone Business Center**

**Minutes**

**Presiding:** Daniel Stramel

**Present:** Bill Lesko, Kerri Unger (via telephone) and Carol Schlegel

**Absent:** Tyler Loop

**Call to Order:** **Daniel Stramel** called the Red Willow County Visitors Committee (RWCVC) meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

**Open Meeting Act:** Open Meeting Act was available for review.

**Minutes:** There was a motion made by **Bill** and seconded by **Kerri** to approve the November 7, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 3/0.

**Financial Status:** Balance in Promotion Fund as of November 30, 2023 = \$ 66,405.05  
Balance in Improvement Fund as of November 30, 2023 = \$ 237,685.04  
Balance in Promotion Fund Budget as of Nov 30, 2023 = \$ 113,830.24  
Balance in Improvement Fund Budget as of Nov 30, 2023= \$ 280,623.00

**Old Business:** **Committee Vacancy** – Discussion was held with suggestions still being needed for someone to fill the vacancy on the Committee. A member from the retail segment of the community would be a nice addition to the Committee.

**Director's Report:** **Correspondence – YMCA Project** – **Carol** reported that the Committee had received a letter from Mitch Gross, CEO of the YMCA, announcing the Capital Improvement Project has received a \$5 million dollar grant from Nebraska Department of Economic Development. This brings the total funds raised to \$10,400,000.00. Discussion was held concerning the Visitors Committee's financial involvement with the capital improvement project. While the Committee appreciates that asset the YMCA is to the community, it is unclear that contributing at this stage fits our mission or what is allowed by statute. As an alternative way to show our support, Carol suggested that we make Mitch aware of our Facility Rental Grant program so that we can financially support new events into the community. The Committee agreed that this would be a more acceptable manner to give support to the YMCA.

**New Business:** **MEDC Annual Contribution** – A solicitation letter was received from the McCook Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) concerning an annual contribution from the Visitors Committee. In past years the contribution has been \$1000. The MEDC is requesting a 10% increase on

all contributions which would bring ours to \$1,100.00. Kerri made the motion to make an annual contribution of \$1,000.00 for 2024. The motion was seconded by Bill. After discussion, the motion was amended by Kerri and seconded by Bill to increase the contribution by the requested 10%. Motion carried 3/0. The contribution of \$1,100 is to be added to the claims.

**Director Contract Review and Bonus Recommendation** – After discussion and a recommendation from Daniel, Bill made a motion to recommend the County Commissioners extend Carol’s contract for another year with a \$5,000 increase. Also included in the motion was to approve the 10% bonus for 2023 to be paid in January. Kerri seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

**Approval of Claims:** The following claims were submitted for payment:

Claim Summary – Promotion Fund 0990 879

Visa Statement

• 2-1751 Adobe Subscription	59.11
2-1751 HonorboundIT Service Plan	25.00
2-6000 November Wages	3,675.00
2-6030 Flagship Publishing – NE Life ½ pg ad Nov/Dec 2023	651.00
MEDC	
• 2-6040 Kyle Kinne – November Wages	930.48
• 2-1751 Annual Contribution	<u>1,100.00</u>
	<u>2,030.48</u>
	6,440.59

A motion was made by **Kerri** to pay the claims as presented as well as any invoices that are received prior to the claim submission cutoff of December 6. The motion was seconded by **Bill**. Motion carried 3/0

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carol Schlegel