

Community FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST

VIRTUAL Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday December 16, 2021

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

PRESENT:

NICK GELYCH, DARYL WEBER, SERENA LAPOINTE, LIZ KRAWIEC,
ANNA GREENWOOD, TY ASSAF, JIM HAILES, MARVIN SCHATZ, ELLEN
MACCORMAC, MATTHEW HARTNEY, LANA MILLER, MICHELLE JONES

REGRETS:	Robin Murray, John Burrows
1) CALL TO ORDER:	Meeting Called to Order by Chair: Nick Gelych at 1:04pm
2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA:	<u>Motion# 53/21 Moved by Daryl Weber</u> That the Agenda be accepted as amended to include item 9.2- Board Meeting Days CARRIED
3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	<u>Motion # 54/21 Moved by Serena Lapointe</u> <i>That the minutes of the December 2, 2021 be accepted as presented</i> CARRIED
4) CHAIR REPORT	Nothing to report at this time
5) TREASURER'S REPORT	As Attached – ED, Treasurer and financial advisor will meet in the new year to determine which financial reports will be included in board packages moving forward. <u>Motion # 55/21 Moved by: Marvin Schatz</u> <i>To accept the attached financial reports for information.</i> CARRIED
6) STAFF REPORTS	6.1 Executive Director Report: As presented <u>Motion # 56/21 Moved by Daryl Weber</u> <i>To accept the report for information purposes.</i> CARRIED 6.2 CED Report: As per Dec 2nd meeting 6.3 B/A, IRC Report: As per Dec 2nd Meeting
7) OLD BUSINESS	7.1 Digital Economy Program Update- Board advised that the recruitment had been completed, with position to start in the New Year. 7.2 COVID- 19 Supports to Small Business Recovery Efforts – Request to CFNA- Tabled – Discussion ensued around additional efforts to be considered in order to get cooperation from either Prairies Can and or CFNA to re-consider the previous request sent. 7.3 Bank Signing Authority – Signatures required at the bank: Chair: Nick Gelych, Treasurer: Liz Krawiec, Secretary: Serena Lapointe Board members had been contacted by the bank and will attend to sign their signature profile cards as time allows.
8) NEW BUSINESS	8.1 Draft Operating Plan- As Attached – Board was provided with the operational plan for review and discussion. There are a few edits to be

made prior to final motion being made to accept. ED to provide the edits for final approval at the January Board Meeting.

8.2 Draft Budget- As Attached – Lengthy discussion ensued around the details of the budget, background information shared, and board requested a copy of previous years budget for comparison, as well as break down around the items to be included in the increased budget request for the January meeting

8.3 CFNA Annual Wage & Salary Report – FYI- Board Discussed the current budget, lack of increase to funding for many years and discussed the need to communicate the dissatisfaction, around the current budget limits and the need for increase in budget to meet current demands.

8.4 RRRF loan Agreement Contracts – Discussion around the new RRRF loan agreements and the anticipated admin funds that will be provided to service these loan clients.

8.5 Strategic Planning Date – Board agreed early spring would be best and to host the session during a regular board meeting, but to extend to a full day. ED to provide a doodle pool to determine the best date.

9) NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Female Economy Recovery Grant Update – Board advised of ED’s intent to apply for the grant through a regional partnership committee.

10) ROUND TABLE:

Liz Krawiec – Town of Swan Hills: Ec Dev board meeting to review current accomplishments and next steps. Ec Dev Committee will be attending the Sportsman show this year to showcase community.

Anna Greenwood – Town of Mayerthorpe: Successful Christmas Light up. Tim’s Restaurant expected to open before Christmas. 2 new Small business opened, and the regular snow clearing has started.

Daryl Weber – Village of Alberta Beach: Lake has frozen over, fishing huts starting to show up. Snow Clearing has begun on local streets.

Serena Lapointe – Town of Whitecourt: Interim Budget Meetings underway Successful Christmas Parade, despite the frigid temperatures, regular snow removal under way.

Jim Hailes – Town of Fox Creek: Tim Hortons has opened in Fox Creek and is creating some competition for local employees. Several Employees have left other businesses to work at Tim’s.

Motion# 57/21 Moved by: Jim Hailes

That the board draft a letter to be sent to Prairies Can, expressing their concern with the current funding model that has not provided an increase to the operational budgets in numerous years, while wages, benefits, expenses and employee responsibility continue to rise, creating a detrimental employee recruitment and retention issue for the organization.

CARRIED

It was also suggested that the letter be shared with other CF offices to encourage others to also speak out.

Marvin Schatz – County of Barrhead: Marvin completed his role as Deputy Reeve, with driving of the municipal float in their annual Christmas parade. Seasonal Snow plowing has started.

Ty Assaf – Town of Barrhead: Parade was a great success pictures can be found on his personal Facebook page. Community is running a fundraising Survivor Contest for the library. \$35/ ticket, the last name in the post will win a wine basket.

Nick Gelych – Lac Ste Anne County: Plans continue with the new Ec Dev Officer, looking forward to being more involved with regional municipalities and projects.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion # 58/21 Moved by Serena Lapointe

Moved to adjourn

NEXT MEETING:

Virtual – January 20, 2021

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Nick Gelych

Nick Gelych (Jan 20, 2021 14:35 MST)

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Serena Lapointe (Feb 1, 2022 11:28 MST)

Chair, Nick Gelych

Secretary, Serena Lapointe