

Meeting Minutes of the  
Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation (OFRCF)  
January 14, 2020, 4:00pm  
Poplar Bluff School District Superintendent's Office

PRESENT

Marie Obourn, Reverend Annette Joseph, Russell French, Rebeca Pacheco, Jan Brown, Dr. Scott Dill, Susan Skaggs, Dr. Jim Jones, Stephanie Milner, Felicity Ray (by phone), Staff – Crystal Jones

ABSENT

Greg Kirk, Ed Thompson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Russell French at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes from November 5, 2019 were reviewed. Marie Obourn made a motion to approve the minutes, Annette Joseph seconded, all approved.

FUND BALANCES

Crystal Jones reported the market value of the OFRCF funds as of 1/14/2020 as \$1,453,070. Russell French asked if Crystal would provide an analysis of income versus interest for calendar year 2019 for next meeting.

**ACTION: Crystal will prepare a spreadsheet with such analysis for the March board meeting.**

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

New, potential board members, Dr. Jim Jones and Stephanie Milner, introduced themselves to the board. Dr. Jones has an interest in representing the open at-large seat. Stephanie would represent the Butler County seat. Dr. Jones was nominated by Jan Brown; Stephanie by Rebeca Pacheco. Susan made a motion that the board accept the nominations as presented and add Dr. Jones and Stephanie to the board. Marie Obourn seconded. All approved.

The only seat remaining to be filled is a representative for Reynolds County.

CENTER FOR DISASTER PHILANTHROPY GRANTS UPDATE

Crystal updated the board on the status of the Center for Disaster Philanthropy grant to OFRCF for one outreach and one counselor position for the Doniphan School District. There is \$31,662.17 remaining out of \$94,385 in grant funds. Some discussion on the use of the remaining funds ensued. Susan Skaggs asked how many positions these funds are supporting. Crystal understands there is just one position and the district received an extension of the use of funds to the end of the current school year as one position was never filled and it has taken the district longer to expend all the funds. Felicity asked if the funds could be used for other needs, such as supplies, if supplies are needed.

Crystal also updated the board on the status of the Carter County Flood Recovery Coordinator project. There is \$0 remaining out of \$49,717.80. This grant is now complete.

**ACTION: Crystal will contact the district and ask how they plan to expend all of the funds prior to the end of the school year and if there are other needs upon which the remaining funds can be spent.**

#### COOVER GRANT ABSTRACTS

Crystal updated the board on four Coover grants being sought for the application round that closes February 7, 2020.

- Doniphan Nutrition Center is requesting funds for equipment. Total request amount is approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000.
- Naylor Nutrition Center is requesting funds for equipment. Total request amount is approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000.
- Carter County Nutrition Center is requesting funds for a home bound meal delivery van. Total request amount is approximately \$17,000.
- Clearwater R-1 School Foundation is requesting funds for playground equipment. The Foundation hopes to raise a total of \$50,000 for the equipment, and will request \$20,000 from Coover. The rest of the funds will be provided through third-party donations. Felicity asked Crystal to contact the Foundation to inform them that having committed match submitted with the application would make a stronger proposal.

These four projects will need a letter of support from the board if support will be provided. Felicity made a motion to provide a letter of support, Marie seconded. All approved.

**ACTION: Crystal will draft letters of support for these four projects for Russell's signature prior to the February 7<sup>th</sup> application deadline.**

#### NAYLOR COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Crystal updated the board on recent developments in Naylor. Judy Cantoni has received information from a possible anonymous donor interested in endowing a \$25,000 fund for the Naylor community. A stipulation is that they have to raise matching funds from other sources for a community-based project. Crystal and Judy have met with the Naylor community on multiple occasions. They have formed a group called the Naylor Community Restoration Foundation. They wish to obtain their 501(c)3 status at some point in the future, and have raised approximately \$18,000 thus far for renovation of the Judson Ward Park in the city. The City of Naylor has agreed to leverage these funds with a grant application to the DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund for an approximate \$50,000 project. If this project is fruitful, an anonymous donor would endow the fund to support the ongoing maintenance of the project. A public hearing on the LWCF project is scheduled for February 4, 2020 and Crystal with Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission will write the application for the City.

#### NEW FUNDS

Crystal reported that the Friends of the Carter County Courthouse fund did meet their \$2,500 goal by the end of December and is now a fully funded capacity building fund.

A new fund is in the process of being formed, called the Naylor Community Restoration fund.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

Next meeting set for March 10, 2020 at 4:00 pm at the Poplar Bluff School District Superintendent's Office in Poplar Bluff, MO.

#### ADJOURN

Marie Obourn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Susan Skaggs seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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Russell French, Chairman

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Date Approved

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Dr. Scott Dill, Secretary

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Date Approved