

Meeting Minutes of the
Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation (OFRCF)
July 13, 2021, 4:00pm
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission/Virtual

PRESENT

Susan Skaggs, Crystal Jones, Marie Obourn, Dr. Scott Dill, Felicity Ray, Judy Cantoni – CFO, Ashley Hart – OFRPC, Lydia Keller - OFRPC

ABSENT

Dr. Jim Jones, Russell French, Rebeca Pacheco, Ted Thompson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Secretary/Treasurer Crystal Jones at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes from March 9, 2021, were reviewed. Marie Obourn made a motion to approve the minutes, Crystal Jones seconded, all approved.

FUND BALANCES

Crystal Jones reported the market value of the OFRCF funds as of 7/13/2021 as \$1,890,376.51

BOARD MEMBER TERMS/ELECTIONS

Jan Brown submitted her notice of resignation. Jan has retired from her job and will not be able to continue making the trip to Poplar Bluff for meetings. There are several other vacancies on our Board. A representative for Reynolds County and Wayne County is needed. Jan Brown previously represented Wayne County. There is also a vacancy representing the OFRPC Board. Felicity Ray suggested Samantha Pennington-Evans could be a candidate for this position. Crystal will check with Samantha. Candidates to fill these positions need to be presented to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Crystal reviewed the current Board list and expired terms. Currently, no seats are up for election until May 2022.

Action: Crystal will contact Samantha Pennington-Evans to assess her interest in joining the Board. Other board members will consider others who may be willing to serve.

GRANT MAKING BUDGET

Crystal provided a list of funds available for grantmaking. The Doniphan Area and Ripley County Emergency Flood Relief Fund is only eligible for flood recovery efforts. No declared flood event has occurred in this area. The Naylor Community Fund was just established this year and the community is still in the process of organizing a committee to establish grant making criteria. The OFRCF Capacity Building Fund is available for granting. At previous meetings, it has been discussed to leave that balance in the fund for now to support marketing efforts and/or operations. OFRPC does not need additional operations funds. This will be discussed further at the September meeting when more Board members are present.

Action: Crystal will search for grant application documents from previous grant rounds for discussion of possible small grant round with the OFRCF capacity building funds.

CFO UPDATE

Judy Cantoni discussed the endowment established by Mr. Ripley's estate for Ripley County students pursuing four-year degrees.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2021, at 4:00 pm.

Marie Obourn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Crystal Jones seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Russell French, Chairman

Date Approved

Dr. Scott Dill, Secretary

Date Approved