

Three Rivers Conservation Foundation

Regular Meeting

February 19, 2015

4:00 PM

1. Call to order @ 4:00 pm by Harry Sylvester
Attendance: Sylvester, Mullan, Moore, Hutchcroft, Thimmesch
Absent: Kircher, Schuldt

Staff Present: Buckley and Clark Hudson
2. Approval of previous minutes as written
MOTION to accept minutes as written
Moore/Mullan
motion carried unanimously
3. Approval of bills
MOTION to approve bills as presented
Moore/Mullan
motion carried unanimously
4. Financial Statements
MOTION to approve financial statements as presented
Mullan/Thimmesch
motion carried unanimously
5. Tom Hoffman's Resignation
According to what has been told to other board members, he was just ready to resign. He was a big part of us getting this new build. We plan to have a banquet and will recognize all past board members, including Tom.
6. Consider acceptance of Tom Hoffman's resignation.
MOTION to accept Tom Hoffman's resignation from the Foundation
Moore/Mullan
motion carried unanimously
7. Consider appointment of 2 new members; The two folks that we would like to consider for appointment to the Foundation are Mary Van Pelt and Ernie Schiller. Both have lots of contacts and lots of experience with the public. Discussion followed.
MOTION to appoint Mary Van Pelt and Ernie Schiller to the Foundation
Moore/Mullan
motion carried unanimously
8. Update on current building donations
\$9200 from our December mailing, and \$644 from the KCF. \$1500 from the Joel Kamp memorial. Donations are still trickling in.

9. Update on building progress and fundraising

We are moving forward, contracts have been signed. The bids were higher than we expected by about 12%, or \$60,000 left to raise. Money is in the Foundation to pay off the building today if we had to. This would leave the Foundation with about \$40,000 to work with, so this isn't something we want to do. Fundraising workshops have been held for planning of functions. We have a function coming up at The Charleston Board of Trade on April 19, 2015. We will be selling tickets for this meal. \$10 for adults, and \$6 for children 12 <. We must sell a minimum of 150 tickets in order to have the function. We will have to put sweat equity into this project, The Charleston Board of Trade will be doing the cooking but we will be doing the serving, cleaning up afterward etc. 1/2 half of the profit from this dinner will go to the Foundation.

We cannot go over the \$750,000 mark on the building (this includes fundraising). We will plan a ground breaking ceremony for this upcoming spring. We will invite the press, the supervisors, and the public. Pre Construction meeting is taking place on February 20 @ 1:00 pm with the contractors, LCCB, and John Hansen. Hansen is considering lowering the height of the walls by 1' this could lower the cost of the building by \$10,000.

10. Comments/Questions from the Board

Mary has submitted a grant for \$3500 to help outfit the office since our office furnishings budgeted amount was cut. Tom has submitted a grant to Alliant in the asking amount of \$45,000 for displays for the building. We intend to contact CIRC to ask for \$\$\$.SEIRPC is going to be working with us to make a site plan for all of Heron Bend.

11. Next Meeting is April 16, 2015 @ 4:00 pm at Heron Bend temp office.

12. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 4:45pm

Moore/Mullan

motion carried unanimously

Signature _____ Date _____