

RESORT TAX RENEWAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes

September, 23, 2019

(1) Meeting was called to order by James Caniglia at 5:30pm in Council Chambers at City Hall, Red Lodge, Montana

(2) Present were Board Members: Jody Ronning, Tom Kuntz, James Caniglia, Jeremy Battles, Tim Weamer, Colleen Stevenson. Council Representative: Diane Dimich.

Guests in the audience: Wayne Stevenson and Rob Weamer

James conducted role call, all members present.

(3)a. Election of officers

Tim Weamer moved to elect Tom Kuntz Chairman, seconded by Jody Ronning - vote was unanimous

Tim Weamer moved to elect Jody Ronning Vice-Chair, seconded by Colleen Stevenson - vote was unanimous.

Jody Ronning moved to elect Colleen Stevenson Secretary, seconded - vote was unanimous

(3)b. Adoption of Bylaws:

Jody Ronning moved to adopt the Bylaws as amended, Colleen Stevenson seconded - vote was unanimous

(3)c. The Mission Statement :

Jody Ronning moved to adopt the Mission Statement as amended, Jeremy Battles seconded - vote was unanimous.

The mission of the Resort Tax Renewal Board (RTRB) is to advise the Red Lodge City Council on Resort Tax options, applicability and scope, as well as options for inclusion of the (1%) one percent Resort Tax increase authorized by Senate Bill 241. In this capacity, the Board will recommend effective and specific ballot language while engaging and educating citizens and stakeholders in order to synthesize an accurate and timely analysis of community needs and priorities related to the Resort Tax.

Tom Kuntz clarified Diane Dimich's presence at the meeting. She is a participatory but non-voting representative of the City Council.

(4)a. Review of past Resort Tax expenditures:

The original ballot statement included (A) Fifteen percent (15%) for property tax relief; (B) Five percent (5%) for merchants' collection fees; (C) one percent (1%) for administration; (D) Seventy-nine (79%) for capital improvements to streets, water, sewer, and parks/sports facilities.

Tom Kuntz stated we should balance Income and Expenses, referring to the report Tim Weamer emailed to everyone. He notes that our work is only a suggestion to the City Council which is the entity that actually makes the final decision.

(4)b. Priorities for future meetings:

Meetings will be from 5:30pm - 7:00pm as needed.

Next meetings will be:

October 2, 2019 @ 5:30pm

October 21, 2019 @ 11:30am - 1:00pm

November 6, 2019 @ 5:30

(5) Written Correspondence:

None mentioned

(6). Other Business

Problems to solve:

What would the loss of the RT mean?

How many water and sewer hookups are there, how many are out of town?

Median taxable values of homes

(7) Adjourn

Colleen moved to continue this meeting to October 2, 2019 @ 5:30pm, Jody seconded, motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,



Tom Kuntz, Chairman



Colleen Stevenson, Secretary