

**WALSH COUNTY JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Meeting Held at Park River City Office and via Zoom  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Julie Gemmill (via Zoom), Greg Young, Ernie Barta (via Zoom), Kyle Halvorson, Lucas Kelley, and Jeff Moen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Terri Gorder, Jeane Flaten, Wanda Lee, Diana Hahn.

OTHERS PRESENT: Britta Gravinl.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

CALL TO ORDER: Young called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. Quorum was reached at 6:46 pm when Barta joined via Zoom.

MINUTES: Minutes from the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Gemmill made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Moen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

BILLS: Expenses incurred since the last meeting were presented for approval. Gemmill made a motion to approve the bills. Moen seconded the motion, and it unanimously carried.

**REQUESTS FOR FUNDS**

WILD MAGNOLIAS: Gravinl currently works at Art of Touch, was planning on purchasing both Art of Touch and Main Hair Camp, but the Art of Touch did not go through. Now just purchasing Main Hair Camp. Focused on hair care with additional amenities added later on. Motioned by Halverson to approve up to \$2,000 for the flex PACE Loan community match. Seconded by Moen. Upon rollcall vote, motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

UPDATE ON RWIP GRANT: RWIP grant is moving forward, 12 individual projects – 7 are childcare related, 2 are related to the CTEs, and the rest was workforce attraction. For the Grafton Daycare project, Grafton Economic Development has committed a \$30,000 match, only need an additional \$27,000 for the total match. An offer was put on the place but it is contingent on purchasing the empty lot next door which is in progress. Commerce did submit a request to extend the deadline of the grant until possibly June of 2024, if not the end of this year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NEW BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATION: Julie Byron was recommended by Matt Beneda to replace him as the representative from the banking community. Moen motioned to approve, seconded by Kelley. Motion Carried. Mary Houdek works for Job Service ND and has previously been on the JDA board but due to organizational restructuring at Job

Service stepped down from the board. Motioned by Halverson to have Houdek on the board as a representative from the local job service. Seconded by Gemmill. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Barta made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Moen. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Reported by,

Signed,

Angelle French  
Director

Julie Gemmill  
Chair