

Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Moosehorn Community Hall - 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Clayton Gibson, Chairperson (via zoom) Darryl Langrell
Diane Bottrell Jim Scharf
Lana Cowling-Mason, GM/CDC Kelynda Springer, OA
Jason Bittner Shanto Mathew, BA
Janice Lowry

ABSENT: RM of St. Laurent representative Phil Mathews
RM of Coldwell representative Lori Schellekens

Vice-Chair Janice Lowry chaired the meeting as she was attending in person. The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Jim Scharf, seconded by Darryl Langrell **THAT** the agenda be adopted with the addition to Item 9, New Business – Accessibility Canada.

CARRIED

R2022/2023-6

ADOPTION OF APRIL 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Jim Scharf, seconded by Diane Bottrell **THAT** the April 13, 2022 meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

R2022/2023-7

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Regional Development Strategy – See the 6 Billboard signs will be delivered in the next few days and installed this summer. RM's individual signs should be installed once the flooding subsides.

Pan West Vision Document – This document is the outcome from the four Western Provinces talking about the CF program and what it will look like 10 years from now. The CF Managers will be meeting in June to go through it and figure out how we can implement some recommendations for it and then provide feedback to Pan West. If the board has any comments, they can email Lana by June 3rd. **KELYNDA WILL RESEND THE DOCUMENT BY EMAIL TO THE BOARD.**

RM of St. Laurent Board Rep and RM of St. Laurent Investment Review Committee Rep –

Moved by Jason Bittner, seconded by Diane Bottrell **THAT** a formal letter will be sent to the RM of St. Laurent, informing them on what we are looking for in a community representative and asking the status of council representative, Phil Mathews.

CARRIED

R2022/2023-8

NOTE: Phil contacted the office immediately following the meeting to note that he would be continuing to participate on the Board and that CFWI could assist with identifying a community representative.

RM of Coldwell Rep – The RM of Coldwell will be advertising the position. CFWI will assist by posting on Facebook.

Growing communities one idea at a time.

Providing financial and community economic development assistance to the West Interlake.

OPERATING FINANCIAL REPORT / ACCOUNTS PAYABLE / INVESTMENT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Investments as of April 30, 2022 was 189 for a total amount of \$6,181,352.46. 14 investments were in arrears by \$153,229.83. Two loans were approved. One in the service sector for \$26,000 and one in the retail sector for \$25,000.

Moved by Jim Scharf, seconded by Diane Bottrell **THAT** the board has reviewed the April 1 - 30, 2022 accounts payable pre-authorized payments and cheques numbered 1168 – 1191 in the amount of \$34,567.78, and the investment fund financial report account balances as at April 30, 2022 and adopts the reports as presented.

CARRIED

R2022/2023-9

STAFF ACTIVITY REPORTS – for the period of April 1 to 30, 2022 was circulated.

OPEN FORUM

Darryl Langrell – Attended the Community Edge Training and found it very informative. The RM is dealing with flooding.

Jason Bittner – Re-aligning Highway #6 at Grahamdale. Installed a new cell tower at Grahamdale/Steep Rock, which will improve cellular service.

Jim Scharf – Installing a new splash pad at the Skate Park. The Lunder Fair will be the 2nd week of June. Lobsterfest is scheduled for June 30th. Dealing with flooding issues.

Diane Bottrell – Creamery Days planning is underway. Working on the program and advertising the event. The music shop is busy with jam sessions during the week. June 4th a legends tribute event is scheduled.

Clayton Gibson – the ditches are full and roads have issues. The community groups are starting to get organized. The RM is looking at a cell boosting project for the Narrows area – Highway #68. Looking at ways to improve communication and supports for the immigrants to the area. If there is interest by the communities, CFWI can coordinate a meeting in the region to discuss.

Janice Lowry – The National Event was very informative and learned that people in rural areas need to look outside the box and diversify. As of last week the lake is up by 6".

PRIORITY AREAS

ONGOING HELP FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS – training requests are picking up.

TOURISM – ITA's AGM is coming up. The guide is out.

CF MANITOBA – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

2021-22 Annual Performance Report

Moved by Jason Bittner, seconded by Jim Scharf **THAT** the board has reviewed the Community Futures West Interlake Inc. 2021/22 Annual Performance Report and approves the report as presented.

CARRIED

R2022/2023-10

CF National Conference – May 8-11, 2022, Ottawa, Ontario – Lana, Shanto, Janice and Jason attended. One keynote speaker stood out. Dr. Shawna Pandya is a 32 year old Canadian physician, scientist-astronaut, aquanaut, speaker, martial artist, advanced diver, skydiver and pilot in training. She is planning on being a part of future missions to Mars. She spoke about success, failure and pushing the limits. The networking was really good. They did a night with the MP's (59 MP's came), with food representing each province. The Minister of Rural Economic Development came and spoke. We are hoping that she will take add the CF program to her portfolio. The next CF conference is in Newfoundland.

ICDSPI Spring Roll-out - \$20,000 – \$5,000 matching grant. Letters and applications were sent. Deadline for applications is June 6th.

Business Analyst Parental Leave & Heartland Contract Services – May 28th to September 18, 2022. CFWI has contracted Heartland to cover the services of the Business Analyst. They are charging an hourly fee and mileage.

Moved by Jim Scharf, seconded by Diane Bottrell **THAT** the board approves the Business Analyst Paternity Leave for the period of May 28, 2022 to September 18, 2022 and to enter into the contract services of Heartland CF.

CARRIED

R2022/2023-11

Venture Connect Population Analysis – Parkland CF had their area analyzed for population statistics and trends. These stats show what communities need to be prepared for and what is coming. CFWI has asked Venture Connect to do the same analysis in our region at a cost of \$750. We will have ten different data sets for our region.

Moved by Clayton Gibson, seconded by Darryl Langrell **THAT** Community Futures West Interlake spend \$750 to Venture Connect to analyze the West Interlake region.

CARRIED

R2022/2023-12

Jason Bittner left the meeting at 8:02 pm

Accessibility Canada – The Accessibility of Manitoba Act has five standards, of which we are in the 3rd. The Province is now offering online free training. The RM of Woodlands purchased a subscription from Accessibility Canada, an online subscription. Their subscription has now ended and the RM of Woodlands has suggested that CFWI should purchase the subscription for the region, at a cost of \$2,000. The province has urged Manitoba to use their training and not Ontario's.

LANA WILL FOLLOW UP WITH LORI SCHELLEKENS, THE REEVE OF RM OF WOODLANDS, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PURCHASE OF THE SUBSCRIPTION OF ACCESSIBILITY CANADA.

The next meeting is the AGM on June 22, 2022 at the Oak Point Community Hall.

ADJOURNMENT –Moved by Jim Scharf to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.



Chairperson



Sec.-Treasurer