

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Bitterroot Aquatic Center is to provide the community with a high quality year-round aquatic center that is affordable, accessible and provides excellent opportunities for recreation, fitness, competition, water safety and education.

Monday, May 13, 2019

Bitterroot Aquatic Center Commons 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Lorretta Bundy, Rod Pogachar, Ron Frost, Vicky Mohn and Carla Albert.

Members absent: Steve Bergeron

Other present: Fern Schreckendgust and Lyndi Henson (minutes).

Other Absences:

Guest: Amy Reed

Open comments: None

Vicky Mohn, vice president, called the meeting to order. Mission statement was read.

Review of April minutes: Rod had a question on the minutes that the board members clarified for him. Vicky made a motion to adopt the April 2019 minutes, Carla seconded them motion, Carla, Vicky, Lorretta and Ron voted in favor. Rod did not vote. Motion passed.

Fern had new numbers from MMW Architects regarding the expansion that will be presented to the voters for approval. The price has gone up to an estimated \$5,210,784.80 from the last estimate of approximately \$4,750,000.00.

Ron and Cindy Frost will be working on fliers to put up in the community and to pass out with the bond information on it. Fern will be speaking with Christian Ackerman and getting a name to update and maintain the website for the Bitterroot Aquatic Center. At this time, Fern does not know what the cost of having someone maintain the website but was asked by the board to get 3 different quotes from the company.

The board discussed the timeline and getting this on the November ballot. There is a question if there is anything else that would be running in the county, and if there will even be a county election at all. If not, whether the board wants to do a mail in ballot for the vote on the pool expansion, which is a costly endeavor. Fern will speak with Regina at the county to see what other items may be up for vote in the November election and get a cost estimate of what a mail ballot election would cost, both Corvallis and Hamilton would be the targeted voters to receive the ballots.

Managers Report: Fern reported that the BAC did receive the Northwestern Solar Grant. The grant covers \$41000.00 and the BAC would need to pay an additional \$20238.00 to complete the solar panels being installed. Loretta made a motion to pay the \$20238.00. Carla seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor, motion passed. Carla will speak Trails West Bank, where the CD is at and see if there are

any penalties for early withdrawal from the certificate of deposit. It was also suggested that Fern ask Northwestern Energy if the BAC could pay the \$20238.00 after the first of 2020 as an option as well.

Fern reported that the outside pool has had all the maintenance done for the summer session. The pool will be filled soon and up and running close to Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting.

Fern went through three of her goals and the board decided it would be wise to wait on these three until the votes on the bond are tallied in November (if the bond is presented at that time). The three items were painting the walls in the inside pool area, resealing the parking lot and the purchase of an electric sign outside the facility.

Fern also asked the board members if the board wanted Bryon and herself to stain and repair the bleachers that belong to the swim team. The board decided since the bleachers belong to the Bitterroot Swim Team, it should be their responsibility to maintain and stain the bleachers.

Fern passed out the 1st quarter financials. The numbers look on track but the one thing that stands out is the swim lessons that are increasing in numbers and revenue. Every class is full.

Brainstorm Ideas: Ron will bring the maintenance contract next month for the board to review. The board discussed meeting together as a committee with Deb Ganz with help in how to get the word out about the bond effectivity. The committee of three board members will meet on Friday, May 24th at 9:00 a.m. at the BAC.

Fern reported that the Ravalli County Commissioners do not have to approve this bond to go on a ballot for vote. Dan Semmons will be writing the bond language for the ballot on behalf of the BAC>

Meeting Adjourned: Lorretta Bundy moved to close the meeting due to an interview with an interested community member seeking to be a board member. Carla seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Next Meeting: June 11th, 2019. 6:30 p.m. BAC commons

Respectfully submitted: Lyndi Henson