

BITTER ROOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES OF February 24, 2009
Press Box
Missoula, Montana

Board Present: Jean Curtiss, Greg Chilcott, Ed Childers, Tom Gorman, BJ McComb, Ross Rademacher

Others: Marcy Allen, Kelly Yarns, Jerry Marks

CALL TO ORDER: Jean Curtiss called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Greg Chilcott moved to accept the minutes of the November 25, 2008, meeting BJ McComb seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Marcy Allen presented Q2 report for FFY09. Marcy Allen presented profit and loss and cash flow statements Q2 FY2009 in a new Quickbooks Format. Greg Chilcott made a motion to approve the Q1 FY2009 financial and BJ McComb seconded it.

PRESENTATION: Kelly Yarns presented her thesis research on economic aspects of small-diameter wood production and use. Board members engaged in discussing the issue.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- One board position was filled by Ross Rademacher. There remains one board vacancy. The board needs representatives from local government in Ravalli County.
- There was no report from the Nominating Committee. They continue to work on developing a new board member. The committee is as follows: Greg Chilcott, Jean Curtiss, Jim Debree.
- Board elections were held. No changes to the executive committee was moved by Ed Childers, seconded by BJ McComb and passed unanimously.

ED REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Montana Sustainable Building Center has their 501c3 status. The Section8 HUD application is taking a very long time and they are seeking other funding.
- Marcy Allen has not received an update about Restore Montana. Marnie Criley and Chirs Allen are collaborating.
- Marcy Allen reported that the blog is slowly progressing. BREDD expanded its reach to include all of Western Montana. Ross Rademacher agreed to write a blog post.
- Marcy distributed the lists of potential Recovery Act infrastructure projects compiled by BREDD, Missoula and Missoula County.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marcy proposed beginning work on an energy and a technical series of workshops
- Marcy presented a need to find an organizational strategy for BREDD. The Board agreed and formed a committee consisting of Ross Rademacher, Bob Struckman, Ed Childers and Jean Curtiss.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. BJ McComb made a motion and Ed Childers seconded. Unanimously adopted