

**BITTER ROOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2007
Held at Jakers Restaurant in Missoula, Montana**

Those present: Jean Curtiss, Greg Chilcott, Jim DeBree, Rosalie Cates, B.J. McComb, Sally Johnson, Kit Sutherland, Tony Rudbach, Julie Foster, Allen Bjergo, Kevin Chamberlain and Marcy Allen.

CALL TO ORDER: Jean Curtiss called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rosalie Cates moved to accept the minutes of the November 30, 2006 meeting, noting the change of adjournment from 5:55 to 5:25 p.m. Kevin Chamberlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: President Curtiss informed the Board that the grant funds are being held at the Missoula County Treasurer's Office. Quarterly reports will be provided the Board. Greg Chilcott moved to accept the November 30, 2006 financial report, as presented. Jim DeBree seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Curtiss appointed Jim DeBree to serve as treasurer for BREDD. She informed the Board that BREDD did not apply for funds from the Big Sky Economic Development Trust, but will resubmit the CRDC grant. Jean told the Board that in-kind matches are needed for next year. She said the 2006 CEDS Annual update has been completed and thanked the Bitter Root RC&D for obtaining the Sales Force license for BREDD.

NEW BOARD MEMBER: Greg Chilcott moved to accept the Hamilton Mayor's appointee, Administrative Assistant Steve Green, to serve on the BREDD Board. Rosalie Cates seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BYLAW COMMITTEE REPORT: Tabled until the March meeting..

COORDINATOR REPORT: Coordinator Marcy Allen reviewed the 2006-2007 EDA Project Workplan with the Board. Jean Curtiss and Rosalie Cates will review a job description and employee manual for the Coordinator position. She reported that each of CEDS working groups has met once. A second meeting of each group is planned in February. A final meeting with all working groups is scheduled for March 12 at St. Pat's Conference Room. She thanked Dick King for the use of the Missoula Economic Development Corporation conference room for several of the working group meetings. Notes from the working groups can be found on the BREDD blog. Marcy also shared preliminary information from the Governor's Office of Economic Development concerning an on-line business analysis. She also discussed a pilot project, WAGE and

BENEFIT METRIC SURVEY and ANALYSIS as a Regional Impact Assessment Tool for Economic Development for Missoula, Ravalli and Mineral Counties.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled March 15, in Missoula. The meeting place will be announced.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.