**Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition**

Minutes of the Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 1, 2020 - Marion Vance residence, Woodland Park, CO

Present: Sherri Albertson, Jane Lass, Jane Mannon, Dave Martinek, Mel McFarland, Jean Rodeck, Karla Schweitzer, Chuck Severance, Norm Steen, Marion Vance.

Meeting Commenced at 2:10 p.m.

Welcome/announcements.

Treasurer’s Report: No report. Dave referred attendees to the financials mentioned in the September 21, 2020 minutes. He reminded all of dues and 2021 meeting dates, which were sent out via email.

Old Business: Updates

 Midland Days at Divide (MDAD)/Community Partnership (CP) office project: Dave reported that work has stalled. CP has had funding challenges during the pandemic. Issues with site preparation still remain (civil engineer asked for extension). Chuck noted Catamount Engineering’s challenge of having two clients.

 SHF Grant: Charise Boomsa sent pictures of the depot to SHF earlier this year per their request. The next grant round is March 30, 2021. Chuck is finished with the grant construction documents, except for the civil engineering and cost estimates. THE has asked SHF for an extension to the grant contract.

 Neotreks: The bill was paid; there remains one more installment to be paid.

 Review of board actions during Covid-19: There were no in-person meetings since January. No concerns were raised.

New Business:

 Election of 2021 of officers: There was a unanimous vote for the renewal of current board members. Norm will be leaving his position as commissioner on January 12, 2021, but has agreed to serve with T.H.E. With regard to a treasurer replacement, he mentioned that an audit is normally done with a change of membership. Dave asked members to be thinking of a potential treasurer for the organization.

 Suggestions for honoring Greg Smith: Dave noted that he has received little response from Greg’s family. It was suggested that we have a memorial location within the Depot, perhaps the waiting room. A memorial space for Dee was also proposed, with perhaps others down the road.

Miscellaneous Discussion: Dave thought we may be able to conduct the Breit Awards banquet in 2021, but may want to reconsider the venue (other than the Crystola Roadhouse). He noted that an additional person is needed (along with Chuck and him) to make decisions on moving forward once the grant is received. There was discussion regarding work priority. Chuck suggested that roof and chimney work be the first actions. Jane M. commented that outside activity would provide visual evidence of progress. Jane L. proposed landscaping to show progress. Dave proposed that we put up some new signs. Chuck suggested placement of the boxcar on the Depot site. Previous movement was too expensive. Dave and Chuck will be checking with people who might provide more affordable options. Chuck stated that the Rocky Mountain RR club might be able to provide some support via a grant of up to $1,000. Marion said she would be happy to write the grant.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Karla Schweitzer - Secretary