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T.H.E. Coalition Membership Renewal Letter for 2021

Greetings everyone,

The Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition (“T.H.E. Coalition”) cordially invites you to renew your membership for 2021.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has put a damper on most of T.H.E. Coalition’s activities this year. We chose to cancel the scheduled Breit Awards Banquet this past October, and most of the organization’s routine functions have been conducted either online or by executive committee. However, some initiatives are still ongoing, although some elements have been delayed or postponed.

For example, T.H.E. Coalition’s current SHF grant will be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. That grant was awarded in 2018 to create construction documents for the Midland Depot in Divide in preparation for future renovation. We are grateful for the efforts of Consultant Charise Boomsma of The Preservation Studio in Colorado Springs and Chuck Severance from CRSArchitects for their continuing work on the grant plans during these trouble times. As a result of the finished construction plans, we hope to apply for more grants in the future, at the appropriate times, to begin some of that renovation.

Further discussions between Midland Days at Divide, Inc. and Community Partnership about CP building an office on the depot property have been postponed. The last meeting was hosted by Park State Bank and Trust in January and centered on CP possibly purchasing the depot property and leasing back the historic depot and acreage to Midland Days.

The Heritage Tourism initiative, sponsored by T.H.E. Coalition and culminating with the launch of the “Tour Teller” smartphone mobile applications in 2015, can still be downloaded.

Sadly, T.H.E. Coalition lost one of its board members and Treasurer earlier this year. Greg Smith passed away last Spring. We are currently searching for a replacement of his position.

Although 2020 turned out to be a year of little activity, due to the COVID-19 virus, it still marked a milestone in the longevity of T.H.E. Coalition. During these remarkable times, the loyalty of our board of directors and members has shown through, for which we are extremely grateful. Your continued membership supports our unending mission to preserve and protect the natural, scenic, recreational and historic assets in Teller County. We thank you!

*David Martinek*

Chair

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