



## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 23 - 24, 2005

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COUNCIL CONVENED AT 8:00 AM and ADJOURNED at 4:15 PM on June 23, 2005.

COUNCIL CONVENED AT 8:00 AM and ADJOURNED at 12:30 PM on June 24, 2005.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Billehus, Sylvia Danforth, Joann Dotson, Keough Duffy, Kim Evermann, Mamie Flinn, Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Lisa T. Hathaway, Rocky Hughes, Kevin Kosmann, Dan McCarthy, Dennis Moore, Darwin Nelson, Barbara Olind, Shawn Parker, Rep. Don Roberts, Diana Tavary, Suzie Twedt, Brenda Walters, Ramona Weber and Jan Wenaas

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Melissa Clark, Karen Lundby, PJ Rismon-Beckley, Jeff Sturm, Timm Vogelsberg and Sen. Carol Williams

**STAFF PRESENT:** Deborah Swingley and Dee Burrell

**GUESTS:** Paula Holdeman and Len Nopen

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### COUNCIL AGENDA:

The **June** agenda consisted of Officer Election, Cultural Diversity training, presentations/interviews; scoring and funding decision on repeat funded projects and the FFY 2006 Master Calendar review.

Vice Chair **Suzie Twedt** introduced new members **Keough Duffy, Mamie Flinn, Lisa T. Hathaway, Dennis Moore, Shawn Parker, Rep. Don Roberts** and **Brenda Walters**. Welcome!

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

**Deborah** reviewed with members the FFY2006 Master Calendar for their consideration and action.

**Deborah** reviewed the Election of Officers process and forms for the Council members. **Paula Holdeman**, outgoing member, assisted Deborah in counting the

ballots. New officers are: **Jan Wenaas**, Chairperson and **Melissa Clark**, Vice Chairperson. They will take office in October 2005.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT:**

**Deborah Swingley** presented the Board of Directors Report at the request of Vice Chair **Suzie Twedt**. A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes.

### **PEOPLE FIRST REPORTS:**

#### **Jason Billehus - Missoula**

The Missoula Chapter and the State Senate are collecting signatures to try to change the SSI & SSDI marriage penalty. People First members feel they should be able to get married without losing benefits.

#### **Rocky Hughes - Kalispell**

The Kalispell chapter just had their Big Wheels Basketball fundraiser and Rob Quist & Jack Gladstone provided the music. Unfortunately attendance was poor due to the location. The chapter has many activities and fund raisers planned for the summer.

#### **Len Nopen - Great Falls**

The Great Falls chapter has lost most of their funding but is working hard with several fundraisers including a Dance-A-Thon.

#### **Darwin Nelson - Helena**

The Helena Chapter is having a car wash at Power Townsend on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Next month the chapter will have a root beer float booth at an Alive @ 5 event. The chapter currently has approximately 60-70 members. The chapter has approached the Kiwanis to become an AKtion club.

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY TRAINING

**Walter C. Fleming, Ph. D. Director of Native American Studies at Montana State University, Bozeman,**

Dr. Fleming presented training to members on the Cultural Diversity of Native Americans in the State of Montana. A copy of the PowerPoint presentations and a narrative are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

## CALL FOR INVESTMENT PROCESS

**Deborah** reviewed with the Council membership the presentation/interview and scoring process. Deborah also provided members with updated numbers on what was earmarked and a financial overview.

The Council membership determined that it was not a conflict of interest for Council members, who are also members of People First, to vote on the funding decision for the Montana Citizens Advocacy Coalition proposals.

## GRANT PRESENTATIONS

Members heard presentations from the following proposers and their amounts:

Silverbow DD Council/Awareness Play	\$19,575
Eagle Mount Helena	\$30,000
MT Citizens Advocacy Coalition	\$53,406
NCIL Center/Montana Youth Leadership Forum	\$15,000
Rural Institute on Disabilities/Eastern MT Graduate to Work	\$45,000
MT Citizen Advocacy Coalition/MONA Monopoly Conference	\$36,665

After presentations, reviewing, scoring, and considerable discussion The Council made Funding decisions. The total amount of funds available for consideration was \$262,781 and a total of \$209,646 was obligated.

### \$209,646 for CFI Repeat Funding Requests

\*\$53,406 MT Citizens Advocacy Coalition/ People First

\*\$15,000 NCIL/ MT Youth Leadership

\*\$45,000 Rural Institute on Disabilities/Eastern Montana -Graduate to Work

\*\$29,575 Silverbow DD Council/Awareness Play "Same Difference"

\*\$30,000 Eagle Mount Helena

\*\$36,665 MT Citizens Advocacy Coalition/MONA Monopoly Conference

\*Denotes funded

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

**MOTIONS REGISTER:**

1. **Kevin Kosmann/Sylvia Danforth** second - Approve March minutes.  
**UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**
  
2. **Kevin Kosmann/Keough Duffy** second - Adopt FFY2006 Master Meeting Calendar  
**UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**
  
3. **Kevin Kosmann/Keough Duffy** second - Adjourn meeting on Thursday.  
**UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**
  
4. **Joann Dotson/Sylvia Danforth** second - Fund MT Youth Leadership Forum at \$15,000, Eagle Mount Helena at \$30,000, MT Citizens Advocacy Coalition at \$53,406 and Rural Institute Eastern MT Graduate to Work at \$45,000.  
**UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**
  
5. **Kevin Kosmann/Sylvia Danforth** second - Fund Silverbow DD Council/Awareness Play "Same Difference" for \$19,575 and add \$10,000 for one performance of the play in one school in each region of the state for a total of \$29,575.  
**UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**
  
6. **Diana Tavary/Jason Billehus** second - Fund MT Citizens Advocacy Coalition MONA Monopoly Conference for \$36,665 for One Time Only in its current form.  
**UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**
  
7. **Kevin Kosmann/Lisa T. Hathaway** second - Adjourn meeting on Friday.  
**UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**