

Meeting Minutes of
the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation (OFRCF)
June 13, 2023, 4:00pm
Ripley County Caring Community, Doniphan, MO

PRESENT

Russell French, Dr. Jim Jones, Susan Skaggs, Felicity Ray, Marie Obourn, Judy Cantoni – CFO (Phone), Lydia Keller – OFRPC, Ronda Polk – Guest, Olda Cannon – Naylor Community Fund, Inc. Fund

ABSENT

Dr. Scott Dill, Rebeca Pacheco, & Alan Lutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Russell French at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes from April 11, 2023, were reviewed. Dr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes; Marie O., seconded, all approved.

FUND BALANCES

Lydia K. reported the market value of the OFRCF funds as of 06/12/2023 \$2,243,697.28 with a financial report outlining the market and transactional changes. The FY24 grantmaking budget should be calculated soon. Lydia K. mentioned links that can allow donors to directly donate to a fund.

GRANTMAKING

Lydia K. informed the OFRCF Board the Naylor Community Fund, Inc. Board has secured \$10,000 in donations to meet the \$100,000 endowment challenge in March 2023. Lydia K. explained that the \$100,000 endowment challenge match is held under a Board controlled account and the Board needs to discuss and entertain a motion to transfer the \$100,000 to Naylor Community Fund, Inc. Susan S. made a motion to transfer \$98,000 to be endowed and \$2,000 unrestricted for grantmaking purposes in FY2023 from the Naylor Community Fund Fund to the Naylor Community Fund, Inc. Fund, Marie O., seconded, all approved.

Lydia reported that FY2024 grantmaking budgets will be available the last week of June. The Board will plan a grant cycle.

Lydia K. will review prior grant cycle files and Board meeting minutes to provide historical information related to impacted areas, communities, grant amounts, projects, and any other parameters set for prior grant cycles.

FUNDHOLDER UPDATES

The NCF, Inc. Board released applications May 1, 2023. NCF, Inc. reviewed and selected Naylor Senior Center as a recipient for \$1,700. The remaining \$300 will be granted to NCF, Inc. to cover marketing costs. There will be a check presentation, TBA. The anonymous donor has already pledged to endow an

additional \$100,000 if they raise another \$10,000! Olda C. reported that the Board is hoping that post-planting season and at Heritage Days in October 2023, NCF, Inc. will solicit donations to meet the second challenge. Olda C. is a member of the US National Guard, and she will be recognized and honored for her work completed with NCF, Inc with a volunteer ribbon. The current City sponsored park and nutrition center renovation projects were discussed.

Lydia K. will continue providing support to NCF Board.

Ronda P. shared that the Clearwater R-1 School Foundation received a \$10,000 grant to provide yoga, Zumba, and nutrition classes for families. They hosted the first session this week and will schedule a second session in the fall. They also received a grant through CFO to host a field trip for students to visit the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum in St. Louis. They recently hosted classroom grant opportunities for teachers in the school district. Options to pay out grants and expenses related to the fund were discussed.

MARKETING

Lydia K. reported that the A-6 envelopes for funeral home donations, #9 for mailing, and the brochures are printed! Lydia K. provided a list of funeral homes in the region. Members selected funeral homes to contact.

Lydia K. will work with Board members to distribute brochures and donation envelopes.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Reynolds, Ripley, and Wayne County Representatives positions are still available. Mrs. Ronda Polk is still interested in potentially joining the Board as the Wayne County Representative. Ronda shared a contact Alderwoman Frances McIntosh for Reynolds County Representative; Lydia K. has called and emailed Mrs. McIntosh and will continue to reach out. Dr. Dill is resigning from the Board; he is relocating to Carbondale to begin a career in law. He has recommended his successor to be Dr. Cornman the new Poplar Bluff R-1 Superintendent. Lydia K. has called and emailed him; she will continue to reach out.

All board members will decide their term status and continue to search for candidates to fill vacant positions.

CFO UPDATES

Judy C. informed the group of the Anniversafari event happening on June 22, 2023, at 6PM at the Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield, MO to celebrate the 50th anniversary. The Ripley County Courthouse Historical Preservation efforts were discussed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Russell F. proposed to the Board hosting a golf tournament event. This event would include our funds sponsoring a shot, a meal, and more!

Lydia K. will work to secure details and plans for hosting a golf tournament.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2022, at 4:00 pm in Wayne County. The Board chose to invite a Wayne County based fund to the next meeting as the guest speaker.

Lydia K. will reserve a location in Wayne County and invite a Wayne County fund.

Lydia K. informed the Board she will be resigning from Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission/Community Foundation effective October 1, 2023; she is relocating to Perry County and the SEMO RPC. The August meeting will be her last meeting, and hopefully her replacement will be hired on and in attendance.

Dr. Jones made a motion to adjourn; Marie O. seconded, all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 P.M.

Russell French, Chairman

Date Approved

, Secretary

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