

October 6, 2023, 12 PM  
Anaconda Deer Lodge County URA TIF Board - **DRAFT Minutes**  
Community Service Center 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conf. Room

**Attendance:**

**Board Members Present:** Jim Davison, Rose Nyman, Dawn Dee, Kristy McKay (via phone)

**Board Members Absent:** Carl Hamming

**Staff:** Ruth Moen, Kathleen Tarkalson

**Invited Guest:** Ben Krakowka

**Public:** Keith Collins, Heather Collins, Bill Dee

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**A. Meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM.**

**II. Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2023 Meeting**

**A. Minutes were accepted without correction**

**B. Dawn Dee motioned to approve the minutes, Rose Nyman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

**C. New Business - Discussion of Scoring System**

County Attorney Krakowka shared his recommendations regarding current scoring system. He feels it is a good tool but that it shouldn't take the place of judgment. His suggestions for improvement included diluting the scores by increasing the scale to 5 instead of the current 2 and removing the 13 point minimum and using it as a guide rather than a hard cutoff. He was not in favor of throwing out the high and low scores because with a quorum of three it would be one person's vote making the decision. Jim Davison asked about the defensibility of decisions if based more on judgment and County Attorney Krakowka said he had no concerns.

There was a lengthy discussion among the board regarding changes to the scoring system and it was decided that the scale would change from the current 0-2 to 1-5; the multiplier would be removed; the minimum score of 13 would be removed and Need of Applicant would be removed.

Dawn Dee motioned to change the scale to 1-5, remove the multiplier, and remove the minimum score of 13. Kristy McKay seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dawn Dee motioned to remove Need of Applicant as a category. Kristy McKay seconded the motion. Rose objected to the motion. The motion passed 3 to 1.

There was then discussion surrounding incomplete applications. Time will be built into the application process to allow for applicants to fix issues with applications prior to the deadline. It will be documented on the agenda which applications were not considered due to incompleteness.

There was public comments that the changes discussed are good, that we need to make sure applicants know that applications must be complete to be considered, and to ensure we provide a form with explanations of why when applications are denied.

**D. New Business - Discussion of Conflict of Interest Statement**

Jim Davison suggested tabling this conversation until a future meeting so everyone can review the statement more thoroughly. Rose Nyman will see if any other public entities have Conflict of Interest

statements that could be used as a guide. Ms. Nyman also noted that the by-laws we were looking at were not the most updated.

Kristy McKay exited the meeting at 1:48

### **III. Miscellaneous/Announcements**

**A. Rose Nyman mentioned that she is involved in a project that will be coming in front of the board in the future.**

**B. Rose Nyman reminded everyone that this is a government board. Two prior meetings were rescheduled to accommodate individual schedules. Going forward we need to keep scheduled meetings as long as a quorum can attend.**

### **IV. Public Comment – *This is the time for members of the public to comment on items NOT appearing on this Agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction.***

**A. Bill Dee mentioned the positive article in the paper recognizing the good work of the board.**

### **V. Adjournment**

**A. Dawn Dee motions to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 PM and the meeting is adjourned. 2**