



Marion County Development

MISSION: The mission of the Marion County Development Commission (MCDC), a department of county government, is to enhance the quality of life and standard of living in Marion County by promoting and developing Marion County as a quality destination to live, work and visit.

MINUTES

Marion County Development Commission
Tuesday, January 7, 2025, via Teams online

MCDC Present: Sara Roberts, Kayla Flanders, Steffanie Bonnsetter, Jim Mitchell, Doug Stewart, Brian Thomas, Jacob Crozier and Megan Green
Ex-Officio Present: Carla Eysink and Jim Mueller
Others Present: Karen Eischen and Christopher Watkins

CALL TO ORDER.

The regular meeting of the Marion County Development Commission was called to order by Sara Roberts, at 7:15 a.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2025, via Teams online.

Commissioners reviewed the financial report. A motion was made (Thomas/Stewart) to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **FY25-26 Budget Request:** Commissioners discussed targets for the FY25-26 budget for staffing and programs. Eysink provided an update to the 24/25 budget and potential fund 2 amendment.
- **IRDC Boost Grant:** Stewart moved, seconded by Green to move forward with the grant.
- **Banner and Table runner:** Flanders moved, seconded by Stewart to purchase a MCD banner and table runner.
- **Best of Red Rock Contest:** We will be doing video of #1 presentations the day prior to the announcement on January 29. Staff needs 2 volunteers in the morning and 2 volunteers in the afternoon to help with the video and presentation.
- **National Parks Service Grant** – Eysink explained the desire to pursue the grant for trail planning.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Empower Rural Iowa:** Watkins is worked with a couple businesses to submit applications to the new Empower Rural Iowa grant programs.
- **EPA Grant Application:** The application was submitted.
- **Red Rock Area Travel Guide:** Eysink is looking over proof now and will send to printer.
- **Leadership Red Rock:** This year's program is underway with four sessions complete. The final session will be held at Central College.
- **Iowa Tourism Grant:** Eysink provided update on soft trail module development.
- **Top 10 under 40:** Nominations are open.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- April 12th will be Weiler Manufacturing's 25th Anniversary celebration

ADJOURN:

Next regular meeting Tuesday, February 4th, 3014 E Main St., Knoxville.