

## Grant Committee Meeting of November 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. with Darla Rippee, Tom York, Wanda Freeman, Linda Kellogg and Doris French present.

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Linda and seconded by Wanda. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda and seconded by Tom. Motion passed.

We received an email from Gladwin's mayor asking for information about the splash pad contractor and any problems with installation and what we would do differently. We will email them back the information on Vortex and suggest they get someone with knowledge of and who is willing to work with the company.

Air bottles: Darla didn't resubmit to Firehouse Subs because she wants to work on a grant with the deadline of Nov. 12. Wanda called Rural Development. They give grants to fire departments and for childcare. She will look into applying for money from them.

Hall: Linda reported that the Community Development Block funds are distributed monthly. Rural Development will not give grants but will give loans at 4.5% interest for 30-40 years. We aren't looking for loans at this time. If we do go for loans, the banks will probably have better interest rates.

HUD grants are due Nov. 12. They are for \$50,000 to \$300,000 matching grants. Darla may not be able to get the application in for this time but will work on it for the next deadline. Doris will give her the information from the MACF grant to help her with the application.

Dave Camp gave Darla a phone number to call to get information on federal grants. It was suggested we try for \$1 million but Linda said we should go for \$700,000 to \$800,000 in grants. We will specify how much is needed for the inside. If we have to cover the ditch it will be another \$50,000 for that. Furniture and other inside items will run about \$150,000 or more. Tom said the contractor is still interested and is waiting for the ok to begin. They usually have enough cushion to cover any increases in cost of material and labor built into their estimate.

The next meeting will be November 26, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris French  
Secretary