

# City of River Falls Business Improvement District



## MINUTES

June 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Foster Conference Room - City Hall  
222 Lewis Street River Falls, WI 54022

**CALL TO ORDER**– Joleen Larson called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

**Members present:** Joleen Larson, Mike Pepin , Chris Blasius, Amy Halvorson; Mike Miller and Terry McKay joined the meeting in progress.

**Members Absent:** Lori Moran, Kerri Olson.

**Others present:** Casey with Bo's N Mine, Amy Peterson, Assistant Community Development Director

### Meeting Minutes

The May meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion Halvorson, second Miller to approve; motion carried.

### Financial update

The only change to the financials was a placeholder added in the amount of \$5000 for the Bo's N Mine grant application. Motion by Blasius, second by Miller to approve the financials; unanimous.

### Grant requests

Casey with Bo's N Mine provided an overview of their project. Questions included whether the project components will be permanently located, and whether they planned to install planter boxes or landscaping. Casey stated that they were planning on planters and yes, everything installed will be permanent. Motion by, Miller, second by Halvorson to approve the \$4,778.20 grant for cement work, fence and fireplace; unanimous.

### Other Business

2. Board vacancy – Board members discussed the vacant position and Blasius suggested that it be filled with a downtown building owner. A number of Board members will be contacting owners to gauge interest. If interested the prospective member will need to submit a letter of interest to the Mayor.
3. Connect Communities – Chair Larson provided background to the Connect Communities program and the group discussed the requirements and benefits and had a number of questions. Peterson will find the answers and provide the information to the Board prior to the next meeting for discussion.
4. Business Updates – Blasius informed the group of 22 and Company that will be opening in July near the Habitat Restore. There is a small business looking to start up, but they need a commercial kitchen.
5. Other Updates – McKay has not heard back from the mural artist; Larson is working on a draft of the postcard; Peterson will include a short snippet on the BID Board in the Fall City Newsletter.

### Next Meeting

Next meeting is July 12, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Foster Room, City Hall.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion Halvorson, second Miller to adjourn, motion carried at 9:43 a.m.