



INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2023

Financials: Board voted to purchase Quickbooks Online and the budget will be revised based on BOS outcomes.

RLF Loan Report: Nearing completion

Childcare Grant: Attended Zoom meeting. Analysis is complete. Scheduling meetings with county stakeholders. 4 meetings will be held every other Monday evening beginning March 6, 4 to 7pm. The first 45 minutes of the March 6th meeting is open to the public to hear the analysis. Darrin Relph is the chair. Other members are Jenna Porter, Stacy Gibbs, and Taylor Bloomquist.

Umbrella Entity: First Friday Coffee on February 3rd was a discussion led by Dave Daughton and Caleb Housh to start communication with area entities. **Outcomes:** Positive general consensus on the need and good discussions followed on how to fund the position(s). Next coffee will be March 3rd at 7:30am.

Professional Office Space:

- **Hours-Flex hours** but try to keep the office open 9am to Noon Monday through Friday.
- **Website:** Sara Wampler will be the community liaison for the walldogs. She is nearly ready to link the registration form to the website and she is working on a volunteer form. We will also have a contribution button on the site.
- **Social Media:** No access to either FB accounts yet.
- **Walldogs:** We now have a timeline for the committee to follow. We didn't receive the state grant so fundraising will be a priority and we're reworking the budget. We've started a fundraising contact form. We're getting estimates on equipment, structures and Brett Fetters attended the meeting and discussed a county wide scavenger hunt.. We developed a fun logo for "Wayne County-take 'em to the station" and created an online store for apparel for a fundraiser for the Walldog murals. We received a quote on event insurance from the Farm Bureau.

Economic Development:

- Added four more pages including Economic Development to the WCDC website..
- Sent invitations and setup meetings for Childcare analysis grant followup
- Created a draft fundraising brochure for the WCDC umbrella entity.
- Fielded inquiries and conducted research on adult daycare.
- Attended housing meeting and created a draft housing flier.
- Working on a sale flier for sealed bids process for the former meal site building.
- Researched position contract for umbrella entity.
- Looking into an announcement for IEDA funding for Manufacturing 4.0 facilities.
- Connected with Krista of South Central Iowa Development Area. She will get back with possible opportunities.
- Started a county-wide calendar on Google Drive