



## INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT MAY 2023

**Childcare Grant:** Held the 4th meeting by Zoom for childcare strategy. Public meeting is being rescheduled. Contacted members for the steering committee moving forward. Devin Rodgers will chair the steering committee and other members are Taylor Bloomquist, Jenna Porter, and Denise Hutchison.

**Umbrella Entity:** First Friday Coffee held May 5th, included reports from Wayne Community Foundation-Taylor Bloomquist, Farmers Bank, Walldog Committee chair-Sara Wampler, County supervisor-Lance Lange, Corydon Community Development-Mark Winslow and WCDC-Nancy Bennett. Outcomes: Held a discussion on alternative funding for the last \$10,000 for full time WCDC director. Lance will follow up.

**Finances:** Applied for a debit card from Corydon State Bank. Conducted monthly duties: receipts, deposits, documentation, reconciliation. Delivered bank statements and 1099 from 2022 to Jenna Lain for the 990 form (non-profit income taxes). Jenna applied for an extension.

**Office:** Old cell phone was no longer supported so an android was picked up from US Cellular.

**Website and Social Media:** Drafts of pages have been developed for future marketing of the mural trail. Sara Wampler and Brenda DeVore will begin posting about the mural themes mid June.

**Grants:** Waiting to hear from GRM on a \$1500 grant for the UNI proposal for childcare. The letter of application and accompanying support materials have been sent to Ethan Pitt from Iowa Area Development Group for a \$15,000 grant for Walldogs mural marketing. A state grant online application for the Walldog mural project for \$10,000 passed the first round and we are waiting for further developments.

**Walldog Mural Trail:** Completed scavenger hunt tee shirt design and ordered shirts for scavenger hunt volunteers. Met with Sara Wampler to begin developing a marketing plan for the mural trail after the painting event. Sign, web page and video concepts and budgets were developed. Coordinated with Joy Hernandez Butler about video concepts and themes. Coordinated with Brenda DeVore and several mural designers about themes and designs. Fielded several local concerns about mural themes and locations. Fielded several lodging questions from Walldog artists. Prepared for and attended two Walldog committee meetings. \$13,700 was received or pledged as a result of the mailers sent last month. Thank you letters were mailed for the checks that were received. Contacts were made with entities outside of Wayne County for possible contributions.

### **Economic Development:**

- Attended 1 Childcare Zoom meeting. Reviewed the strategic results provided by Angie of First Children's Finance to prepare for the public meeting.
- Attended the Iowa Thriving Communities webinar on Tuesday, May 9th. Online applications for Thriving Communities designation are due by July 17th.
- Prepared reports and held the regular monthly board meeting May 11.
- Set up and met with the owner of Honey Creek Resort and Lance Lange on May 15th for a tour and visit about future plans for the resort.
- Attended a Zoom meeting on May 16th at 9am with Tamara Marcus of Linn County regarding EECBG for up to \$500,000 for the HVAC system and other green systems for the courthouse. We would have been eligible but would have had to do earlier pre-qualification steps and the bids couldn't have already been accepted.
- Attended the May 16th, BOS meeting.



- Coordinated with vendors for Southern Iowa Junk Journey.
- Did follow up for cleanup of county lakes and reservoirs that involves federal funding and Zach Nunn. The Appanoose Co. contact is back but a meeting time hasn't been scheduled.
- Received, documented and deposited two RLF payments for a total of \$420.