



## INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT, JULY 2023

**First Friday Coffee:** Attendees: Nancy Bennett, Brenda DeVore, Bill Byrns, Mark Winslow, Lance Lange, Bonita Wells, Kyle Hampton, Josh & Tierra Shields.

**Umbrella Entity:** Worked with Caleb and Dave Daughton to create an invitation document for the August 9th Roundtable with UNI. Sent email invitations to the list provided by Dave.

**Finances:** Conducted monthly duties: receipts, deposits, documentation, reconciliation and paid monthly bills.

**Website and Social Media:** Sara Wampler has updated Walldog housing on the website and has been posting the artists, themes and locations on Facebook.

**Grants:** Applied for and received an economic development grant from GRM in the amount of \$10,526.66 for the Walldog Mural Trail. Submitted an application to GRM on behalf of the Round Barn and the Round Barn received \$5990.00. Received another grant from Aereon (GRM) \$5000 in Ripple Effect funds. Setup and conducted a check presentation meeting with GRM, The Round Barn, Walldogs and WCDC at the office on July 20. Received notification of an Iowa Arts Council \$10,000 Grant for the Walldog mural project pending an identifying number with sam.gov. The application was submitted in May.

**Walldog Mural Trail:** Attended two Walldog committee meetings at the museum. Met with Sara Wampler regarding housing for the Walldog project leaders. Continued coordinating with Brenda DeVore and several mural designers about themes and designs. Deposited \$66,247 from pledges and grants to the Walldog Mural project. Fielded several local concerns about mural themes and locations. Fielded several lodging, design and paint questions from Walldog artists. Worked with the City of Corydon to find a temporary location for the Farm Aid mural since the courthouse painting conflicts with the mural event. Worked with Jack Shields, the City of Lineville, Terry Jones Construction and Oskam Signs to find another location for the Lineville mural after MFA declined the use of the grain elevator. Met with Terry Jones and Allerton mayor Bill Byrns to determine final installation details. Worked with Ervin Masonry on tuck pointing at the Old Time Soda Fountain wall. Completed the fifteen building owner agreements for the mural locations. Stacy Gibbs will get them signed and recorded. Worked on finalizing event insurance. Met with a sub committee to plan the Saturday night meal and auction: Donna Donald, Bonta Wells, Don Wagner and Bonita Wells. Spent three lunch hours at the Wayne County Fair and worked the Walldog booth on Thursday evening from 5-7pm. Met with Dan May and Jim Oskam and toured the fair grounds to discuss details for the Walldog Event. Made contact with Alex Tabet from national NBC news.

### **Economic Development:**

- Received confirmation of payment from the state for childcare grant.
- Meal site building sale closed in July.
- Prepared reports for the regular monthly WCDC board meeting. Met with Michelle Dooley to discuss employee benefits for the director position. Wrote the job description for the WCDC director position and it was approved by the board. Began the process of posting it online. Stacy Gibbs and Michelle Dooley have posted it to city and county websites.
- Attended July 18th Envision Iowa Zoom Meeting, Think Tank #1
- Fielded an RLF loan request, sent documentation to the committee, tallied results and responded to the applicant.
- Continued to research Lakes & Reservoir cleanup.
- Attended the July 3rd and July 18 BOS meetings.
- Received, documented and deposited one RLF payment for a total of \$270.