



## INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2023

**First Friday Coffee:** Attendees: Nancy Bennett, Brenda DeVore, Bill Byrns, Mark Winslow, Tierra Shields, Brett Fetters, Taylor Bloomquist, Sara Wampler, Russ McGee

**Umbrella Entity:** Helped Dave Daughton to finalize task force members and sent a correction for the IDM report. Task force members to date are Devin Rodgers, Josh and Tierra Shields, Taylor Bloomquist, Nancy Bennett, Brett Fetters, Caleb Housch, Jill Tueth, Nathan Bennett, Lance Lange and Dave Daughton.

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

**Website and Social Media:** Joy Hernandez Butler is editing the video that she took during the Walldog event and we're hoping to have the videos linked to the QR codes on the website by Nov. 1.

<https://www.waynecountyculturetrail.com/> Sara Wampler posted photos and information to Facebook as the murals were installed. They received a lot of hits and were shared many times.

**Executive Director Position:** The executive director position was posted on Facebook and applications were received and one interview was held to date.

**Grants:** \$10,000 grant was received from the Iowa Arts Council for the Walldog event. Worked with Sara Wampler and Nancy Buss from Hall Engineering to submit a pre-submission to Seeds of Greatness for engineering studies for the silted in county lakes and reservoirs.

**Walldog Mural Trail:** Coordinated with Jim Oskam for 10 days after the mural event to install 14 murals, QR codes signage around the county and install the fairboard entry sign. Coordinated with the City on removal of temporary easels at the cattle barn at the fairground. Converted the WCDC studio space back to WCDC office after the Farm Aid mural was completed. Worked with artists that stayed later to help with installation and found transportation for other Walldog artists. Paid invoices for the mural event in the following areas: scaffold and golf car rental, bug spray, dust control, paint, construction, trash pickup, supplies, food, design, wall prep, tee shirts and welcome bags, culture trail website, lodging, newspaper, recording fees, brushes and books. Sara Wampler and I met with Jen Reed for the Walldog special edition.

### Economic Development:

- Conducted First Friday Coffee on the 2nd Friday.
- Prepared reports for the regular monthly WCDC board meeting.
- Attended a state zoom meeting on Visioning.
- Attended one September BOS meeting.
- Received, documented and deposited one RLF payment for a total of \$270.
- Fielded a request about the Catalyst Grant.