



**Meeting Time & Place:** Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, 8:30 a.m., Big Sky Bistro, Polson.

**In Attendance:** Theresa Jones from St. Luke Community Healthcare Network; Blakely Phillips, Lynn Lagerquist, and Todd Erickson from Lake County Job Service; Whitney Cantlon from Country Pasta; Gib Turner from Lake County Community Development; Jessie Miller from First Citizen Bank; and Karen Dellwo from First Interstate.

**Speaker Topic:** Gib Turner serves LCCD primarily in the area of business/economic development. He provided information regarding the current activities of Lake County Community Development: <http://lakecountycdc.org/>

**Food & Ag center:** Manufacturing center, 1 of 3 in the State and will be spearheading more facilities in the state.

**Infrastructure:**

Numerous water and sewer proposals

Tiger Road project – Federal Grant applied to Polson Skyline road project:

<http://www.lakecounty-mt.org/tiger/rightnow.htm>

**Education and Funding:** Classes as well as federally funded business financing with a 95% success rate

**Current local business endeavors:**

Ashley Martin, Arlee

CORE Innovation/ Outdoor Power Equipment, Ronan and Polson

**Future potential projects:**

Building of an Industrial Park, the first in Lake County.

Doing a Brownfield restoration possibly in Polson which could include senior housing, office, and retail space

For more information about Lake County Community Development click on the above listed web site or call Gib Turner at 676-5901 ext. 2

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessie reported that our current balance is \$8,468.61. There are no bills currently outstanding. We discussed Tim Gard's room at KwaTaqNuk from the Spring Workshop. There is still some confusion as to whether we were supposed to pay for his room or if KwaTaqNuk was going to comp his room in return for sending their employees to the Workshop. Whitney and Blakely are going to look at the numbers again and Jessie will call Shelia Matt with the KwaTaqNuk.

**Old Business:**

**Review/Approve Minutes:** Karen motioned to approve the minutes as they were presented, Gib seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**JSEC Banner Update:** Todd will continue to research banner possibilities.

**Resources Update:** Todd brought up the point that as soon as we buy a resource, it becomes outdated pretty quickly. Todd and Theresa brought up the suggestion of a statewide resource library available to all JSECs at the MSEC Meeting in October. Recently Todd got a call from Pam Watson with MSEC asking who would buy the resources, what resources would they buy, who would keep track of them, where would they be housed, etc. We discussed that logistically it wouldn't be the best option to have a statewide program. It would be a huge time commitment for those involved and very complicated to maintain. We decided that it would be best to keep it local. One option would be a rental program through DuPont. We could rent 3 DVDs for \$645, 4 DVDs for \$695, and 5 DVDs for \$745. Whitney mentioned that the SHRM resources might be a good option. The Workshop Committee will meet before the next JSEC meeting to discuss potential resource options.

Todd will provide hard copies of the HR Employment Law Letter to those interested.

**New Business:**

**Officer Slate Update:** Gib made a motion for the current board to keep their positions for the next term. The motion was not seconded. Whitney mentioned that she would be interested in the Chairperson office. Theresa offered to back Whitney up as Vice Chairperson or Co-Chairperson. The Nominations Committee will consist of Karen and Gib. They will present a slate to vote on. We will also be able to make nominations from the floor. We will be voting at our December meeting.

**Speaker Possibilities:** Todd brought up future speaker options. We would like to get a speaker from Jobs for Montana Graduates (JMG) and the Polson City Manager. Karen suggested that we have the JMG speaker in December and the Polson City Manager in January. It was agreed by those in attendance.

**Job Service Office Report:** Lynn Lagerquist was introduced to those present today. She is a new Employment Specialist at the Job Service. Debbie is out for knee surgery. Lake County Job Service currently has 60 jobs posted, lots of which are in the healthcare industry. North Dakota is still booming, there are lots of jobs but very little housing and a very high cost of living.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. at the Big Sky Bistro.