

"To connect the people and institutions of Wheatland County to lay the base for sustained and balanced economic and community development."

Wheatland County Growth Council
December 18, 2007
7:30 am at Snowy Mountain Coffee Meeting Room

Those Present:

Ian Reed	Scot Mitchell
Bill Jones	Mandie Reed
Ty Franks	Aubrey Miller

Those Absent:

Richard Moe

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ian Reed
Minutes were approved as posted written and posted to the web site.

Old Business:

Horizons:

- **Visioning Event and community vision**
Mandie reported that the visioning event went well. We met the threshold for community input with the surveys and the attendance at the event. The discussion at the event was good everyone seemed happy with the third version of the vision.
- **Blog Site: harlowton.communityblog.us**
The blog site is part of the horizons program and a way for the NW area foundation to see our progress and for us to monitor the progress in the community. Brandi Murray has agreed to manage the blog site. We can add as many bloggers to the site as we want to. Audrey mentioned that there may be some potential for the school to participate in blogging.
- **Action Items**
The community needs to have 5 action items for the next phase of horizons. The action items were to form committees work on the issues that came out of the visioning process.
- **Rural Community Conference**
The Horizons grant will pay for any members that would like to attend the Rural Community Conference in Billings in January. There are three community members attending so far.
- **Pancakes and Partners Breakfast**
The first breakfast was successful and there was a lot of good information and new partnerships formed. We voted to host another breakfast on February 20.
- **Vista**
We applied for a grant to pay for a VISTA volunteer to form a fitness and wellness plan in Wheatland County. This is one of the action items. The VISTA will start January 18, 2008.

Website:

Any dates or events can be submitted on the site and then approved. Mandie reported that a banner had been ordered with the web site and blog site on them to advertise both sites.

Board Membership:

Tom Horan and Teri Freeser have resigned from the board and we need to replace them. Ty Franks filled one vacancy and it was moved, seconded and approved to appoint Aubrey to the other seat. Aubrey accepted the position.

New Business:**Election of officers:**

Bill Jones accepted the office as secretary, Mandie will continue to take minutes
Ian agreed to continue being the chairperson
Ty Franks accepted nomination as Vice Chair
The board agreed that Bill Jones should purchase a gift of thanks for Tom Horan and Terri Freeser for their years of service on the board out of the budget.

Mandie informed the board of the new training available from Paul Lachapelle for county boards, districts and commissions. We may be able to tape the training and offer it later.

Scot Mitchell reported that the hospital has two new board members, Don Amundson and Ian Reed. The new sign is working better and they have had to advertise that it was paid for by a grant, not out of the hospitals budget.

The next meeting will be January 23rd at 7:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mandie Reed