



## **MINUTES**

QLife Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 24, 2017  
Noon  
Deschutes Room, Wasco County Courthouse

**Call to Order:** President Erick Larson calls the meeting to order at 12:011 pm.

**Roll Call:** Erick Larson, Scott Hege, Darcy Long-Curtiss. John Amery, Keith Mobley, Mike Middleton, Carrie Pippinich, Joseph Franell, Tawny Cramer and Tyler Stone

**Approval of Agenda** –Ms. Cramer explains that originally she did not think financial reports would be available, based on her absence. Mr. Middleton, however, was able to supply financial reports prior to the meeting. The financial report needs to be added to the agenda separate from the consent agenda. Ms. Long-Curtiss moves to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Hege seconds the motion. The motion to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of the financial report, passes unanimously.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**- Ms. Cramer confirms with Mr. Middleton he had the opportunity to review the minutes and the language regarding banking authorities and language. Mr. Middleton confirms that he had reviewed and approves of the minutes language.

**Financial Reports** – Mr. Middleton explains that because of the transition of finances from The City of The Dalles to Wasco County the finance reports will look a little different than what the Board is familiar with. Also the first couple months of finance reports may be missing some information due to the transition. Mr. Hege comments that he feels the financial reports are very easy to read and he appreciates the work done for QLife as well as the County.

As the only addition, Mr. Larson notes that he would appreciate seeing the beginning fund balance on the financial reports.

**Maupin Project Update** – Mr. Stone informs the Board there are not many updates on the Maupin Project. Mr. Stone explains that following the August meeting he postponed Commstructure’s work on the Maupin Project. With approval from QLife, Commstructure reached out to the material supplier Clearfield. Commstructure inquired about any possible government contracts that would help QLife reduce costs. Commstructure has not heard back from Clearfield yet.

Ms. Carrie Pippinich has been working with QLife in exploring a possible grant opportunity with the EDA. QLife and MCCED have also been researching a CCO grant that could possibly help with the Maupin Project. Ms. Pippinich will be working on both grant applications along with QLife Administration. Ms. Pippinich explains the applications would benefit from letters of support from QLife participants and supporters and that she would help facilitate those.

The grants are two of three of the avenues that Mr. Stone sees available to QLife. The third option that Mr. Stone would like to discuss he feels is more appropriate for executive session for trade secret purposes.

Mr. Stone would like to talk to the Board about the fact that the QLife backbone is assembled in Maupin and the possible

future steps for that investment. Considering that the backbone is established, not lit, and there is splicing work that needs to be done Mr. Stone thinks that it is appropriate to QLife's future plans to spend the money to light up the backbone. The Board would like to discuss plans to further complete the Maupin Project in executive session.

**Executive Session** – The Board invites Ms. Pippinich to remain in attendance for executive session. The Board enters executive session at 12:30 pm.

At 1:38 pm. the Board exits executive session.

\*\*Ms. Cramer makes a correction to the agenda, the next intended meeting is the September 28<sup>th</sup> not the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting is adjourned at 1:39 pm.

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These minutes were approved by the QLife Board on October 5, 2017.



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