

BCDC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2026
Bowman County Development Corporation – 12:00 PM
Mainspace

Present: Teran Doerr, Alan Peters, Lyn James via Zoom, Kate Buer, Kristy Pagel, Jason Anderson, Duane Bowman, Alicia Hess, Kevin Bucholz, Rocky Wallman, Dustin Swanson

Absent: Josh Stuchl, Rick Braaten, Scott Hardy

Treasurer Bowman called the meeting to order and verified a quorum was present at 12:01pm.

AGENDA: Agenda was reviewed. Swanson motioned to approve the agenda. Second from Anderson. AIF, MC.

MINUTES: Minutes from 05.04.26 and 05.18.26 board meetings were reviewed. Pagel motioned to approve the minutes. Second from Peters. AIF, MC.

FINANCIALS: Doerr reviewed the financial report from May. Swanson motioned to approve the financials. Second from Anderson. AIF, MC.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Festival of Lights Proposal:** Doerr presented the revised Festival of Lights proposal. Anderson motioned to approve up to \$20,000 in charitable gaming funds to hire a professional lighting company to decorate designated trees in Bowman City Park for the Festival of Lights, with the goal of securing \$10,000 in sponsorships to reduce that ask for the tree lighting project. Hess seconded the motion. AIF, MC.
- b. **Gaming Policy:** Doerr reviewed the proposed revisions to the Gaming Policy. Following discussion, Anderson moved to approve the Gaming Policy with the amendment discussed. Hess seconded the motion. AIF, MC.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **City & County Budget Request:** Doerr reviewed the 2027 Program Recommendations for the City and County budget requests and the board was supportive of proceeding as presented.
- b. **Commercial Signage Grant Proposal:** Doerr proposed increasing the maximum Commercial Signage Grant award from \$500 to \$1,000. Anderson motioned to approve the increase. Pagel seconded the motion. AIF, MC.
- c. **Business Startup and Expansion Grant Proposal:** Doerr presented the proposed Business Startup and Expansion Grant Program. Following discussion, the Board agreed to table the proposal until the August meeting.
- d. **Housing Study:** Board tabled until next meeting.
- e. **Bingo Location:** BCDC has been approached by multiple locations interested in hosting bingo. The board discussed the rules and administrative requirements associated with bingo, as well as past challenges with locations where bingo was not financially sustainable.

The board is open to considering locations in Bowman, Scranton, and Rhame. Since the Fairgrounds was the first location to express interest, BCDC will begin there with a family-friendly bingo night. The Fairgrounds will be responsible for food, bar service, and other event-related items. BCDC will provide the bingo caller and handle bingo administration.

The Silver Dollar also expressed interest in hosting bingo again. BCDC would need to petition the State for approval to resume bingo at that location, and the board agreed this is worth considering.

The board remains open to other locations but will begin with these options at this time.

- f. **4th of July Celebration:** The Board discussed the success of the Fourth of July Celebration and the possibility of making the event an annual community celebration.

ACTIVITY REPORT: Doerr reported on the June Activity Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. City/County News:

b. Open Forum:

Adjourn: With no further business, Anderson made a motion to adjourn at 2:07pm, Page1 seconded. AIF, MC.