

**MINUTES  
VISION FUND COMMITTEE  
January 5, 2018**

The Vision Fund Committee met in special session at 3:00 p.m. on January 5, 2018 in the Tom Baker Meeting Room in the City/County Building. Present were: Bill Daniel, Steve Marquardt, Randy Hansen, Kevin Strege and Brian Eiseman. Also present were: Brian Ritter, Nathan Schneider, Mike Eggl, Charlie Whitman, Jason Tomanek, Keith Hunke and Niles Hushka via telephone.

**MINUTES**

Chairman Eiseman called for consideration of the minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2017.

- MOTION** - It was moved by Commissioner Marquardt and seconded by Mr. Strege that the minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting be approved. All present voted in favor of this motion.

**CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The November 30, 2017 financial report was received, reviewed and accepted. It was noted that the \$4985.00 expenditure was for the Bismarck promotional video which was previewed at the 2017 State of the Cities event. The City Commission approved the expenditure which was paid for from the Business Development Director budget.

**CONSIDERATION – Request from Yellowstone Strategies, LLC**

Chairman Eiseman announced the next item of business as consideration of the pre-application request from Yellowstone Strategies, LLC for a \$75,000 grant from the Vision Fund. Nathan Schneider, Director of Business Development of the Bismarck Mandan Development Association (BMDA), presented the pre-application information to the Vision Fund Committee members. Mike Eggl and Niles Hushka provided background information about Yellowstone Strategies, LLC and the intended purpose of their request. The request was to support training activities that use the Disruptwell process to form local, loosely knit networks in our area. Yellowstone Strategies, LLC would collaborate with organizations such as BMDA, Chamber of Commerce and those who attended the Bismarck DisruptWell Summit in establishing the networks, task lists and ongoing iterations of the training. Mr. Hansen asked if Yellowstone Strategies, LLC had a headquarters in Bismarck. Mr. Eggl said no. Mr. Eggl said the intent of the effort is to provide the training that would allow attendees to form networks to quickly address emerging situations. Mr. Hushka said this type of training is currently being provided to several cities in Montana and is being funded by the State of Montana. Mr. Marquardt said this concept will be difficult to sell but does understand how opportunities and spin off companies may be created with the

networking. Mr. Eggl said this training would provide participants the ability to react to disruptive technology changes. Mr. Strege asked what has happened to the group that was involved with putting together the DisruptWell Summit. Mr. Eggl said the group has a Board and is planning for the 2018 DisruptWell Summit. Mr. Eiseman said he is struggling with fitting this request into the Vision Fund model. Mr. Daniel said this is not a good fit for the Vision Fund. He would like to see this effort started with the State.

**MOTION -** It was moved by Commissioner Marquardt and seconded by Mr. Strege to deny the pre- application of Yellowstone Strategies, LLC. All present voted in favor of this motion.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business to come before the group at this time the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Reported by:

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