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TIM FRANCE COMPLETES 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Tim France, owner of Worden's Market for almost 40 years, served on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Business Improvement District of Missoula since its creation in 2005, and served as President of the Board since 2008. After 15 years of service to the Downtown BID, France has completed his final term of service to the entity focused on improving the health, safety and cleanliness of Downtown Missoula.

"Our Downtown community has benefitted greatly from the long-standing service of Tim France," said Linda McCarthy, Executive Director of the Downtown Missoula Partnership. "Tim's passion for and dedication to a vibrant city center has made Downtown a better place for both those who are vested in downtown properties and businesses, as well as those who have only visited Downtown Missoula on occasion."

During his tenure on the board, the BID created the Downtown Ambassador program, the Downtown Clean Team program, and the Dedicated Downtown Police Officer program. Under his direction as president of the board, the BID created the first-ever Downtown Master Plan in 2008 and updated the plan in 2019. The BID also created the Business Development program during his tenure as president. Over the course of the last 10 years, more than \$800 million has been invested in Downtown from both the private and public sectors.

"Tim's quiet, consensus building and knowledgeable leadership style has guided the BID Board to significant accomplishments," said Dan Cederberg, who also serves on the BID Board of Directors. "Tim has been a great leader and voice for the small business in our community. He always asked himself and the board 'What is best for BID ratepayers?' when addressing issues and solving problems. His contributions have had a direct impact on improving the safety and economic well-being of Downtown. He has made a difference for Missoula, and we are going to miss him more than we can express!"

Last month the BID Board elected Charlie Beaton, owner of Big Dipper Ice Cream, to serve as Chairman of the Board. Scott Stearns of Boone Karlberg was elected Vice Chair.

France's departure leaves an open seat on the BID Board. Downtown property owners interested in serving on the BID Board and representing small parcels (under 20,000 square feet) in the district are encouraged to reach out to Missoula Mayor Engen.

For more information on the work of the BID, contact Linda McCarthy via phone (543-4238) or email (linda@missouladowntown.com).

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