

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Traill County Economic Development Commission**  
**August 18, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m. TCEDC Office – Hillsboro, ND**

**Board of Directors present:** Ben Hershey, Gary Nysveen, Paul Geray, Roxanne Phipps, Greg Krieger, Kurt Elliott, Alana Gerszewski, and Scott Hovde. Also present: Melissa Beach – Executive Director, Jessica Spaeth - Project Coordinator, Cole Short – Hillsboro Banner, and Jim Johnson – Traill County Tribune.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Hershey.

**Secretary's Report**

Motion by Nysveen to accept the July 21, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Gerszewski.  
Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Hovde moved to accept the July 21, 2016 treasurer's report, Elliott seconded. Motion carried.  
Motion by Geray to approve payment of checks as submitted, Hovde seconded. Motion carried.

**Executive Director's Report**

Beach presented the monthly executive director's report.

**Unfinished Business**

Beach provided a marketing update. Marketing material transitions are being made. Potential work this fall pending 2017 budget approval.

Beach provided a UAS update. Hillsboro Airport will host an Open House on Monday, August 22. Elbit will demonstrate an Unmanned Aircraft System flight, weather permitting. All board members are invited to attend.

Beach provided an update on child care. A new facility is opening in Hillsboro, following the closing of two other providers. New facility may ease the burden of child care dilemmas in Hillsboro and the surrounding communities. The community has shown excitement and support for the new facility.

**New Business**

A city signage grant application was received from Reynolds. On recommendation of the Business Assistance Committee, motion by Gerszewski to approve the request. Seconded by Krieger. Motion carried.

The board entered Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss business financials for loan request from Wallgren Morehouse, Inc. and a separate request from Maertens Welding and Machine Company. Spaeth, Short, and Johnson left.

The meeting resumed at 8:13 p.m.

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A loan request from Wallgren Morehouse Inc. (The Tot Spot Child Care Center) was reviewed. Motion by Geray to approve \$13,000 loan at 2.5% for 5 years, seconded by Krieger. There was discussion on rate and term. The motion was amended to review and adjust the interest rate annually. Roll call vote: YES – Nysveen, Geray, Phipps, Krieger, Gerszewski; NO – Elliott, Hovde. Motion carried.

A loan request from Maertens Welding & Machine Company was reviewed. Krieger motioned to approve \$13,000 at 5.5% fixed interest rate, seconded by Elliott. Roll call vote: YES – Nysveen, Geray, Phipps, Krieger, Elliott, Gerszewski, Hovde; NO – none. Motion carried.

Degelman Industries will host an Open House on Tuesday, August 23. Free-will offering will be collected – proceeds will go to new child care facility in Hillsboro.

### Community Updates

Nysveen – Trail County Feed is building a new building and storage units north of town, Spiral Candle is downsizing – the owners have opened a kennel facility on their farm.

Geray – Ground breaking on Dollar General, new track is coming along, but will not be completed by football season, homes for sale, new child care facility opening, St. John's fundraiser for new playground is August 21.

Phipps – School starts next week, first football game of the season is tomorrow, Hatton EDC secured five lots for more housing, new home being built, homes are selling, Hatton/Northwood raising funds for Sunshine House in Grand Forks (similar to Ronald McDonald House), Hatton Eielson Museum undergoing remodeling/restoration project.

Krieger – Galesburg Area Foundation Fall Festival is August 23.

Elliott – Sheriff's Department remodel ongoing, TIGER grant for Neilsville bridge not approved, state informed of budget cuts, entering budget season.

Gerszewski – Mayville State and MayPort-CG classes begin next week, ND Rural Women's Leadership Development Forum August 26 at MSU, Plowing Bee, community-wide garage sales put on by MayPort Community Club.

Hovde – MayPort Farmers Coop hired a new manager, Hydroponics facility working again.

Hershey – House south of Cenex sold, spec home being built, BarN & Grill not closing, Triple VVV serving lunch, Versatile has more equipment, school starts next week, football games will be held at Central Valley until new facility is completed, Buxton Daycare adding playground equipment outside.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

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