

Minutes of Meeting
Trail County Economic Development Commission
September 15, 2016
7:00 p.m. TCEDC Office – Hillsboro, ND

Board of Directors present: Rick Halvorson, Gary Nysveen, Kurt Elliott, Greg Krieger, Ben Hershey, Paul Geray, Scott Hovde, and Mindy O’Conner. Also present: Lowell Nelson – Overmoe and Nelson, Melissa Beach – Executive Director, Jessica Spaeth - Project Coordinator, Cole Short – Hillsboro Banner, and Jim Johnson – Trail County Tribune.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Halvorson.

Lowell Nelson of Overmoe and Nelson presented the 2015 Audit Report. Motion by Hovde to accept the 2015 Audit Report as presented, seconded by Hershey. Motion carried.

Secretary’s Report

Motion by Elliott to accept the August 18, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Nysveen. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Hovde moved to accept the August 18, 2016 treasurer’s report, O’Connor seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Hershey to approve payment of checks as submitted, Nysveen seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Director’s Report

Beach presented the monthly executive director’s report.

Unfinished Business

Beach provided an update on child care. A new facility, The Tot Spot opened in Hillsboro on September 7. Beach asked the board to consider a child care grant program to begin in 2017. Child care grants have been offered bi-annually since its 2013 inception.

City signage grants were awarded to Galesburg and Reynolds. On a motion by Hershey to extend the signage grant application deadline to October 31, seconded by Krieger. Motion carried. Beach will mail notifications of the extension to eligible cities.

Beach and Elliott gave a brief update on the 2017 TCEDC Budget.

New Business

Beach toured Big Iron in search of business recruitment potential. Research will be done on information collected to determine next steps.

Beach discussed upcoming fall activities/events, including a Shop Local campaign, YP collaboration with Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals, and developing meetings

encouraging business owners to learn about programs available to them. The discussion meeting will be held in the morning. Other discussion involved ideas for shopping locally.

Beach asked the group their opinions of the opening of Dollar General in the Hillsboro and Mayville communities. Overall, the group agreed that it offers opportunities to attract new consumers to the area.

Due to conflicts in scheduled, it was determined the October full board meeting would be skipped.

Community Updates

Nysveen – Renaissance Zone expansion was approved, Dollar General construction, Hefty Seed purchased water bottling facility, new child care facility – Tot Spot, Trail County Feed has new storage units, new house in addition, tornado affecting Taft Elevator and Hultin family – a Facebook page has been set up to assist family.

Elliott – Bids came in for jail, road and bridge projects moving along, Nielsville bridge meeting with Polk County, 81 done.

Krieger – New gravel, harvest is beginning, roads are in good shape.

Hershey – Working on new signs, HCV homecoming next week – game at Central Valley, spec home still in progress.

Geray – Track project is nearing completion – there will be an open house, HCV homecoming and great parade next week, Prairie View realtor has optimistic showings – some are unaware of incentives, Tot Spot is up and running, dilapidated properties are being fixed, there is a need for an apartment building, St. Rose has their turkey dinner this Sunday.

Hovde – The Goose River is at its highest point this year.

O’Connor – Enrollment is up this year – official numbers will come in Monday, Farmer’s Bowl this weekend, College Fair included seven high schools and 50 colleges/higher learning institutions, Ma’s Vintage Décor open this weekend.

Halvorson – Preparing to set up new city signs, Galesburg Area Foundation fundraising dinner successful.

Motion by Nysveen to adjourn the meeting, Elliott seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Officer (printed name & office) Signature Date

Recording Secretary (printed name) Signature Date