

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Trail County Economic Development Commission**  
**April 21, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m. Lewy Lee Fieldhouse - Mayville, ND**

**Board of Directors present:** Rick Halvorson, Ben Hershey, Kurt Elliott, Jay Henrickson, Alana Gerszewski, Gary Nysveen, Phil Murphy, and Greg Krieger. Also present: Mike Moore – Mayville State University, Neil Breidenbach, Reynolds Resident, Melissa Beach – Executive Director, Jessica Spaeth - Project Coordinator, Cole Short – Hillsboro Banner, and Jim Johnson – Trail County Tribune.

Prior to the meeting, Mike Moore, Mayville State University’s Athletic Director, gave the group a tour of the newly renovated Lewy Lee Fieldhouse. The fieldhouse includes classrooms, a weight room, athletic training room, locker rooms, and five new offices for assistant coaches and faculty. An open house will be held April 26. The locker room renovation was institution funded. There are 260-290 athletes enrolled in sports programs this year with a capacity of 310. Thirty percent are residential enrollments.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Halvorson.

**Secretary’s Report**

Motion by Nysveen to accept the March 17, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Hershey moved to accept the March 17, 2016 treasurer’s report, Henrickson seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Gerszewski to approve payment of checks as submitted, Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Beach presented the monthly executive director’s report as attached.

**Unfinished Business**

Beach provided a marketing committee update regarding the branding refresh. The group reviewed eleven logos, some from Anchor Marketing, others designed in-house. The contracted work from Anchor Marketing will be paid, but the group will not move forward with Anchor’s designs. Motion by Murphy to modify in-house logo designs #9 and #11 to meet the desires of the board, seconded by Gerszewski. Motion carried.

The natural gas update was covered in the director’s report.

Nysveen shared information on the potential investor meeting that was held in regards to a new hotel in Hillsboro. Discussion included moving forward with interested investors and desires of establishing a restaurant in addition.

Beach provided an UAS update. NDSU Ag Machine Specialist stated there will be a two-week delay. UAS devices are in route and first flight is scheduled for May 16.

**New Business**

The group discussed potential business recruitment targets. It was determined that focus should not be narrowed to one specific industry. Beach will review those specific industries stated and bring back to the board as needed.

Jay Henrickson announced his retirement from the board effective April 21, 2016. He suggested Mindy O’Connor take his place as Mayville State University representative. Beach and others thanked Henrickson for his time, dedication and valuable experience.

**Community Updates**

Breidenbach – Rural Water sent bottled water to China.

Gerszewski – Three lots have been sold in Riverwood, there is a benefit on Sunday, Vietnam Vets will have a meeting in July – this will be a large event for the area, MayPort Community Club’s pancake breakfast was successful.

Krieger – Galesburg Area Foundation grant proposal extended, fall festival will be held in August.

Elliott – Highway 81 project, roofing project, Nielsville bridge, Sheriff’s Dept. remodel, load restrictions off and burning restriction done.

Nysveen – Expanded Renaissance Zone in Hillsboro, Hillsboro Business Association served 220 at their customer appreciation breakfast, four lots sold in Prairie View, one home being built in River View, United Bottling facility closed – possible buyer for building.

Henrickson – 20 students and two faculty members completed for DECA in Washington DC, recognition for baseball coach, Scott Berry’s 1000<sup>th</sup> win on Saturday, Higher Learning Commission will be at the college Monday and Tuesday, Commencement will be May 14.

Murphy – There are currently 12,000 active oil wells – goal is to increase to 44,000, UAS project in District 20 allows opportunity to increase housing for new families.

Hershey – New restaurant StacheBoxx Sandwich Shoppe opened in old Buxton Café, BarN & Grill expanded menu, 2-3 lots for sale, one house has been demolished, new Versatile dealer in and running, community garage sales on May 14, BarN & Grill held very successful vendor fair.

Halvorson – Restaurant converted to offices by elevator, Galesburg Area Foundation will host fall festival.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

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