

Minutes of Meeting
Trail County Economic Development Commission
February 20, 2014
7:00 p.m. TCEDC Office - Hillsboro

Board of Directors present: Jay Henrickson, Gary Nysveen, Deb Kylo, Scott Hovde, Phil Murphy, and Tom Eblen. Also present: Executive Director, Melissa Beach and Trail County Tribune Reporter, Jim Johnson.

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

Executive Director, Melissa Beach introduced new members Phil Murphy and Tom Eblen.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Henrickson to accept January 16, 2014 minutes, seconded by Nysveen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Kylo moved to accept January 16, 2014 treasurer's report, seconded by Murphy. Motion carried. Motion by Henrickson to approve payment of checks as presented, Kylo seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Report

Beach presented the monthly executive report as attached.

Unfinished Business

A discussion was had on natural gas. Beach is to organize a meeting of county persons who may or are interested in getting natural gas to our county. Beach will also reach out to Xcel to schedule a meeting.

Discussion was held on TCEDC Board Members residence and voting rights. Beach compared the TCEDC by-laws to state statutes. After much discussion, Eblen advised that even though board member lives out of county, his business interests and taxes in Trail County suffice to ensure his voting rights. The interpretation of the group was that after many attempts to recruit board members, the commissioners are able to appoint as necessary. Beach should ask Stuart Larson for his opinion.

Beach informed board of the hiring of Jessica Spaeth as Project Coordinator. Her start date is February 24, 2014.

New Business

Discussion was held on TCEDC's Strategic Plan. It was decided that Beach and Spaeth would do some updating and report back to the board in March.

Beach will be scheduling a Marketing Committee meeting. The marketing committee consists of Roxanne Phipps, Gary Nysveen and Deb Kylo.

Community Updates

Henrickson - MSU Alumni Center is nearing completion. Spring construction will be extremely busy around campus. The Higher Ed Learning Accreditation is in process now.

Eblen - The Trail County Courthouse elevator should be here this week. There will be a lot of paving projects this summer.

Nysveen - An individual associated with Grand Forks Economic Development has moved to Hillsboro. He may have ideas and provide input also. Gary has talked to a 'drone' person from UND and said they are excited to talk to Hillsboro. Buxton is working on infrastructure and housing projects.

Kyllo - Epic Nutrition in Mayville is not open day hours yet.

Hovde - Raising population in Portland by one, since he and Meghan are expecting.

Murphy - He will help wherever he can with any energy conversations. He has contacts that may help our conversations.

Beach - Thanked Tribune reporter Jim Johnson for his article on TCEDC which was very well written.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Officer (printed name & office) Signature Date

Recording Secretary (printed name) Signature Date