

Minutes of Meeting
Trail County Economic Development Commission
July 17, 2014
7:00 p.m. Trail County EDC Office - Hillsboro, ND

Board of Directors present: Deb Kyлло, Gary Nysveen, Jay Henrickson, Rick Halvorson, Scott Hovde, Stuart Larson, Tom Eblen **Also present:** 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 pm by chairman Hovde.

Ratification of the June Meeting business motion made by Nysveen, seconded by Kyлло. Motion carried.

Secretary’s Report

Motion by Halvorson to accept June 12, 2014 minutes, seconded by Eblen. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Henrickson moved to accept June 12, 2014 treasurer’s report. Nysveen seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Kyлло to approve payment of checks as submitted, Eblen seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Director’s Report

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

Unfinished Business

The natural gas conversation is ongoing.

Goal #2 of the strategic plan was discussed. Beach will put together a comparison of a 501(c)3 and a 501(c)6, research how other counties, similar to Trail, are working and meet with the executive committee to put forth a recommendation.

Continued discussion on a housing study was covered in the director’s report. The ND Housing Finance Agency grant will be submitted. Hovde proposed combining groups and funds throughout the county to move forward with the housing study. A decision will be made to move forward with the study, pending approval from ND Housing Finance Agency.

Marketing plans were discussed. The marketing plan from Hometown Aditude was received. A few changes were requested from Hometown Aditude. Anchor Marketing will be meeting with MayPort EDC members next week to discuss their marketing plan.

Tracy Bjerke submitted his resignation. Ben Hershey was nominated by Bjerke to be his replacement.

New Business

The Tax Exemption Application was covered in detail in the director’s report.

The 2015 budget was reviewed. Motion by Henrickson to submit the proposed 2015 budget as presented, seconded by Kylo. Motion carried.

The group briefly discussed Facebook boosts and analytics. Beach will bring both Facebook and TCEDC website analytics to the next meeting.

Community Updates

Henrickson – The MSU drainage project has all infrastructure in place, student numbers for Fall are good.

Larson – Nothing to report.

Hovde – City of Portland signs have been put up, Gardiner Plastering is putting up a new building across from Floyd’s, Norsemen Archers grant was rejected – they are reapplying.

Halvorson – Galesburg Community Foundation granted their first grant to Fire Department.

Kylo – The old Tribune building in Mayville is being occupied by CLS (Community Living Services).

Nysveen – Casey’s General Store remodel will last another four weeks, inclement weather affected Hillsboro Days, Envirotech hired a plumber in order to offer plumbing services, and there have been rail improvements throughout the county.

Eblen – All paving projects have started, there will be an open house at the courthouse on September 16, 2014. The county park board will meet in August to discuss the park shelter.

The next TCEDC meeting will be held on August 21, 2014. Location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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