

Minutes of Meeting
Traill County Economic Development Commission
September 17, 2015
7:00 p.m. TCEDC Office – Hillsboro, ND

Board of Directors present: Gary Nysveen, Tom Eblen, Kurt Elliott, Jay Henrickson, Alana Gerszewski, Ben Hershey 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 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Nysveen.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Elliott to accept the August 20, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Hovde. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Henrickson moved to accept the August 20, 2015 treasurer's report, Hovde seconded. Motion carried.

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

Executive Director's Report

Beach presented the monthly executive director's report.

Unfinished Business

There were no updates regarding Traill United Group.

There were no updates regarding community housing.

40 Below: Hillsboro YP held a night golf event September 14 at 7:00 pm at the Hillsboro Golf Course. There were 11 in attendance, of which five were new members. MayPort YPs will have a night golf outing September 22 at 7:30 pm in conjunction with the Mayville Golf Club's originally scheduled event. Hershey suggested inviting the Young Professionals to a group meeting to show what we have to offer and also to enlist the support of local businesses.

Beach updated the group on the TCEDC Child Care Grant Program. A total of seven applications were received, requesting a total of \$33,500. Five of those applications were from Mayville State Child Development Program. \$30,000 was allocated to the grant program. The Business Assistance Committee will meet to review applications within previously approved budget.

New Business

Beach discussed natural gas interim work and testimonies given to the Economic Impact Committee at the capitol. Testimonies were given by Connie Ova, EDND President, Jane Priebe, Wahpeton Job Development regarding underserved areas, and Paul Geray, Hillsboro EDC, on a local unserved level. Our area needs to solidify a unified message to state officials. Traill County

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is an area with the most potential. Hershey questioned how to build unity in the county. Local EDCs need to work with the communities.

The Main Discovery will close its doors on September 30, 2015, approximately two years after it opened. Contributing factors were cash flow and difficulty retaining employees.

Beach requested that the board review the possibility of purchasing the Main Discovery building. The Executive Committee will work on cash flow numbers and feasibility.

Mayville City Council will have a meeting on Monday, September 21, to seek public input and discuss an incentive package to present to ShopKo to move into the former ALCO building. Motion by Hovde for TECED to draft a letter of support to the City of Mayville suggesting a creative incentive package for the purpose of job development and income within Trail County. Seconded by Eblen. Motion carried.

Community Updates

Hovde – For sale signs are gone at KT Hall, GroundUp Ag tore down building in Portland.

Henrickson – Mayville Farmers Bowl successful, enrollment numbers are good, construction right on schedule.

Hershey – Home on south side almost done, city looking at potentially selling lots, both bars still operating, Homecoming week.

Eblen – Bridge 220 work this week, paving project on road north of Mayville will start, Nielsville bridge is closed until repairs can be made.

Gerszewski – MPEDC will move forward with Christmas Cash, homes for sale are selling.

Elliott – Harvest ongoing, elevator had an auction.

Nysveen – Fire at Country Hearth – closed for a month, city reviewing funding for 5% (\$275,000) local contribution for airport grant.

Upcoming Dates:

09/21 – Mayville City Council 7:00 pm

09/22 – MayPort YP Night Golf Event 7:00 pm

09/22 – Required levy meeting 6:00 pm

09/22 – MayPort Community Club 5:30 pm

9/25 – NDSU Extension Region Planning

9/25 – Unmanned aerial tour at Hillsboro Airport

10/8 – Governor Economic Development Summit

10/8 – Natural Gas Committee meeting

10/20 – Hotel chain tour

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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