

Minutes of Meeting
Trail County Economic Development Commission
November 19, 2015
7:00 p.m. TCEDC Office – Hillsboro, ND

Board of Directors present: Gary Nysveen, Phil Murphy, Stuart Larson, Jay Henrickson, Alana Gerszewski, Roxanne Phipps, Rick Halvorson, Kurt Elliott and Tom Eblen. Also present: Melissa Beach – Executive Director, Jessica Spaeth - Project Coordinator, Cory Erickson – Hillsboro Banner, and Jim Johnson – Trail County Tribune.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Nysveen.

Secretary’s Report

Motion by Eblen to accept the October 15, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Gerszewski.
Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Halvorson to accept the October 15, 2015 treasurer’s report, Henrickson seconded.
Motion carried.
Motion by Phipps 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

Trail United Group received approval of 501(c)(6) tax filing status from Internal Revenue Service. An investor application was developed and reviewed. Application and cover letter describing goals and objectives of TUG will be mailed by year-end to businesses in and around the county. It was decided that farms would be included at a later time as addresses become available.

TCEDC Child Care Grant Program disbursed five of seven grants. License verification is pending for the remaining two awardees.

A year-end Young Professionals membership application mailing will go out to employers in the county to register their employees. The groups are considering a collaborative event at year-end. Spaeth will also continue to work to assist the organizations with initial setup.

In the natural gas discussion, missed opportunities over the past 10 years were shared with the EDND Natural Gas committee. Beach recalls four businesses lost due to lack of natural gas over the past four years. Murphy noted he had been contacted twice in the past two weeks regarding the desire for natural gas for business use.

New Business

A child care needs assessment was conducted for Hillsboro and the immediate surrounding area. The survey began November 3 and will close November 20 at 10:00 am. Beach reviewed certain

aspects of the 39-page report. There is a great and immediate need for child care services in Hillsboro.

Community Updates

- Murphy – The Heritage Fund went to Norsemen Archers – the facility is near completion.
- Halvorson – Firemen benefit very successful – many local winners for raffle items, FAS Building was purchased, it will be used to house large trucks which were otherwise parked along the street.
- Elliott – There will be a pancake breakfast and meat bingo on Sunday in Mayville.
- Larson – Sheriff Hunt received a new liver and will be back to work in January.
- Henrickson – Master of Arts granted by university system, received accreditation for Bachelors of Science Nursing program, construction right on schedule.
- Gerszewski – New Bed and Breakfast in Portland, Winterfest on December 4, MPEDC issued two loans; one to the Bed and Breakfast and one to Faye’s Hen House.
- Phipps – Vendor show at Hatton Community Center from 10-2 on Saturday, Bonita’s Pizza has a new owner from Warren, MN.
- Eblen – Road is paved and bridge is finished, commissioners met with Polk County, Minnesota regarding Nielsville bridge, at this point, neither Trail County nor Polk County will repair. Minnesota would like to replace, North Dakota is looking at funding options – could take a year, tax statements are being mailed.
- Nysveen – No movement at Country Hearth, Hillsboro Christmas Cash going well, Santa Days at the armory on December 19.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Officer (printed name & office)	Signature	Date
---------------------------------	-----------	------

Recording Secretary (printed name)	Signature	Date
------------------------------------	-----------	------