

Minutes of Meeting
Trail County Economic Development Commission
February 19, 2015
7:00 p.m. Trail County EDC Office - Hillsboro, ND

Board of Directors present: Tom Eblen, Alana Gerszewski, Ben Hershey, Jay Henrickson, Gary Nysveen, Roxanne Phipps, Scott Hovde, and Kurt Elliott. **Also present:** Melissa Beach - Executive Director, Jessica Spaeth - Project Coordinator Kimberly Simonson and Bryan Abernathy - Simonson Lumber & Hardware, Terry Sando, Cole Short - Hillsboro Banner, Jim Johnson - Trail County Tribune.

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

Terry Sando, UAS Business Development Director for Grand Forks Region EDC presented information on the potential for a middle eastern drone to be flown out of Hillsboro Airport in collaboration with American Crystal and Grand Sky. Sando also presented ideas for further development in the area including a potential flight from Hillsboro to Williston for workers and First Friday programs being run in other parts of the country.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Eblen to accept the January 13, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Henrickson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Hovde moved to accept the January 13, 2015 treasurer's report, Phipps seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Henrickson to write off Clifford Dinner Theater \$933.36, Karrell Enterprises \$1,805.00, and Paddlewheel Café \$511.00, seconded by Hovde. Motion carried.

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

Executive Director's Report

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

Unfinished Business

Trail United Group was discussed. Beach and Larson are in the process of development.

Mayville representative, Alana Gerszewski, has been approved by the county commissioners. Gerszewski gave a brief introduction. She will serve a 12-month term.

Kimberly Simonson and Bryan Abernathy of Simonson Lumber in Grand Forks shared their desire to work with small communities on housing options. TCEDC will connect them to the local EDCs. TCEDC will also share Renaissance Zone information with Simonson.

Housing analyses, specific to each city, were dispersed to each of the city representatives.

New Business

The 2014 Annual Report was presented as attached.

A tentative date of March 12, 2015 was selected for the Strategic Plan Session. Beach will send confirmation email.

Community Updates

Phipps – Wrapped up Snow Fest, a fundraiser for the community center was held during Snow Fest, Blue Line Bar and Grill is hiring for bartenders and servers.

Hovde – Norsemen Archers need confirmation on bid.

Eblen – Surge funding passed and will be presented to the governor next week.

Elliott – Nothing to report.

Gerszewski – Whistlestop up and running again, lost sold in Riverwood addition.

Hershey – The Barn and Grill contractors are busy, the establishment will be open 7 days a week from 7am to 1am, a community event and dance will be held on June 27, has been elected to the Buxton Park and they are working on a grant from the Garrison Diversion.

Henrickson – Mayville State enrollment is at an all-time high, DECA business club competed at state and did quite well – 12 will compete nationally.

Nysveen – Fargo Home Show at month end, new business north of Hillsboro this summer, sales tax votes for school improvements and city debt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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