

Minutes of Meeting
Trail County Economic Development Commission
March 19, 2015
6:30 p.m. Rahr Malting - Hillsboro, ND

Board of Directors present: Alana Gerszewski, Tom Eblen, Ben Hershey, Jay Henrickson, Roxanne Phipps, and Rick Halvorson. Also present: Melissa Beach – Executive Director, Jessica Spaeth - Project Coordinator, Cole Short – Hillsboro Banner, Brett Gander – Traill County Tribune.

Darrel Miller, manager of Rahr Malting, gave the group a tour and presentation of the facility. Rahr Malting, formerly Taft Elevator, supplies malt barley via truck and rail to the malthouse located in Shakopee, Minnesota. More information can be found at rahr.com.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Vice Chairman Halvorson.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Eblen to accept the February 19, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Hershey. Motion carried.

Motion by Henrickson to accept the March 12, 2015 strategic planning meeting minutes, seconded by Phipps. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Eblen moved to accept the February 19, 2015 treasurer's report, Henrickson seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Henrickson 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 was discussed. Beach received note from Larson advising which forms are still needed. Beach and Spaeth will continue to work on language for the application.

Beach discussed the EDC's involvement in the housing development. TCEDC will connect developers with communities, assist in packaging financing, and continue to inform communities of resources so communities will maintain local control. Issues with rental properties and vacant/abandoned properties were discussed.

Beach notified the board of TCEDC's annual report distribution. The schedule is listed in the director's report. Buxton is not yet confirmed.

New Business

The updated strategic plan was discussed. The plan had not been thoroughly reviewed since 2009. A number of desired outcomes have been completed. Several points on the plan were

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highlighted. The Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) plan includes five business visits per month totaling 60 visits per year. Updates to TCEDC website and county website, to focus on county-wide marketing, were also discussed.

TCEDC received weekly legislative updates. Beach will forward updates to board members as they are received.

Community Updates

Halvorson – Nothing to report.

Phipps – Hatton Prairie Village has new marketing phrase: Catered Country Living, the new assisted living facility will be ready this summer.

Jay – Mayville State Spring Break – staff is catching up, DECA would like to start volunteering services in exchange for donations to the program.

Hershey – BarN Grill plans to open in April, three homes are being built – one will be completed April 1, one will be completed May 1, and one has footings in place, Benefit for Brian Barclay at KC Hall in Reynolds.

Eblen – Met with engineers about funding, 2015 repairs: County 14 NW of Mayville, bridge by Blanchard, 220 low-water crossing by Mayville.

Gerszewski – State Hockey held in Mayville – 400 were served, Firemen’s Fundraiser held last weekend, MPEDC discussed ALCO at their last meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Officer (printed name & office) Signature Date

Recording Secretary (printed name) Signature Date