

## **Trail County EDC – April 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

### **Minutes of Meeting Trail County Economic Development Commission April 16, 2015 BarN & Grill – Buxton, ND**

**Board of Directors present:** Alana Gerszewski, Ben Hershey, Roxanne Phipps, Gary Nysveen, Kurt Elliott, and Rick Halvorson. Also present: Melissa Beach – Executive Director, Jessica Spaeth – Project Coordinator, Jim Johnson – Trail County Tribune, Cole Short – Hillsboro Banner.

6:00 p.m. - Craig Connor, owner of BarN & Grill in Buxton gave the group a brief explanation of how the bar came to be. Connor stated that the establishment is in need of employees; cooks, servers and bartenders for all shifts.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Nysveen - quorum was not met when the meeting began.

#### **Executive Director’s Report**

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

#### **Unfinished Business**

Trail United Group was discussed. Working on entity description to not limit the potential capabilities. Funding was discussed; private vs. tax dollars.

Halvorson joined the meeting which made quorum.

#### **Secretary’s Report**

Motion by Halvorson to accept March 19, 2015 minutes. Gerszewski made correction to number of hockey attendees from 400 to 300. Phipps seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer’s Report**

Hershey moved to accept March 19, 2015 treasurer’s report, Elliott seconded. Motion carried. Motion by Phipps to approve payment of checks as submitted. Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Housing development was discussed. Housing of all types is needed in the county including, but not limited to, apartments, townhomes, twin homes, and single family units. The highest demand is for market rate housing. Beach posed a question to the board: Should we incentivize to help with existing lots – tear down existing homes to make room for new building. It was discussed that the EDC should work with the cities and find out what is currently offered for demolition.

Annual Report distribution covered in executive director’s report. Mayville and Buxton are the two cities remaining.

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**New Business**

The updated 2015 Strategic Plan was presented and discussed.

**Community Updates**

Phipps – Downtown property is roped off to be demolished, Double D’s is for sale, city is looking to re-open street project.

Hershey – BarN & Grill is open, two new homes being built, Buxton Fun Day June 27.

Halvorson – Farming is going slowly.

Gerszewski – SummerFest is rolling along and expanding, Polar Communications building is for sale.

Nysveen – HBA Customer Appreciation Pancake feed, April 25, 8:00-9:30 am, SummerFest dance at Top Hat and tractor pull – June 25-28.

Elliott – County is working on roads and bridges, jail renovation is again being discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Officer (printed name & office)      Signature      Date

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Recording Secretary (printed name)      Signature      Date