

Minutes of Meeting
Trail County Economic Development Commission
May 21, 2015
6:00 p.m. Gate City Bank - Mayville, ND

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

Tour of SRS Commodities was postponed due to farmers returning to the fields.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Nysveen.

Secretary’s Report

Motion by Murphy to accept the April 16, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Gerszewski. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Eblen moved to accept the April 16, 2015 treasurer’s report, Henrickson seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Eblen to approve payment of checks as submitted, Elliott seconded. Motion carried. Hepper-Olson Architects contacted TCEDC to extend the original term and repayment terms of their loan. Motion by Henrickson, seconded by Murphy to accept \$500 monthly payments through December which will pay off loan. Motion carried.

Executive Director’s Report

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

Unfinished Business

Trail United Group was discussed. Application is filled out and budget has been created and reviewed by Stuart Larson. Beach posed need to approach county for approval. It was determined that enough conversation had been had and to move forward with application submission.

Community Housing Updates:

Nysveen (Hillsboro) – three new homes being built in Prairie View (two by-owner, one spec), spoke with Kim Simonson of Simonson Lumber – willing to work with contactors and homeowners, local contractors. An investor is needed for apartment building and twin-homes. There is a concern local lumber yards may be impacted negatively.

Henrickson (Mayville) – new home being built in Riverwood, another lot has been sold in Mayville, a lot of activity in Riverwood, the Norway Church has been purchased with the intent of turning it into a home.

Eblen (Hillsboro) – highlighted by Nysveen’s report.

Murphy (Portland) – new home being built in Heskin Meadows; continued to work on natural gas at state level.

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Gerszewski (Mayville) – highlighted in Henrickson’s report.

Elliott – (Blanchard/Clifford) – Lake Agassiz Region Council awarded \$280,000 in Community Development Block grants to communities to update water and sewer.

Halvorson (Galesburg) – three homes which were listed this spring have been sold.

New Business

Members of MayPort EDC were invited to participate in TCEDC’s board meeting. None were present.

The group discussed the progress of a Young Professionals Network. The goal is to have a startup event in June. The network would run under TCEDC until Trail United Group is finalized. Hillsboro and Mayville-Portland would each have their own networks with the idea of introducing the groups at a later event. Young Professional networks are successful due to the less formal organization of such groups.

Community Updates

Henrickson – MSU has begun construction on Field House, HPER, classrooms, and gymnasium. Commencement is completed. Ray Gerszewski is retiring October-December.

Eblen – Open bids for County Road 14 came in under estimate, 220 project will begin, open bid for court house reroof, building in Hatton has been removed.

Gerszewski – New park on 4th Street SE very popular, new fence will surround said park, Prairie Fire Children’s Theater will present Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Goose River Heritage Museum is seeking funds (TCEDC will look into tourism grants, Eblen noted there are county funds available for museums), activity in Riverwood.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Officer (printed name & office) Signature Date

Recording Secretary (printed name) Signature Date