

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Trail County Economic Development Commission**  
**July 16, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m. TCEDC Office – Hillsboro, ND**

**Board of Directors present:** Gary Nysveen, Jay Henrickson, Kurt Elliott, Rick Halvorson, Roxanne Phipps, Tom Eblen, Alana Gerszewski, Ben Hershey, and Stuart Larson. Also present: Terry Sando - Grand Forks Region EDC, Melissa Beach – Executive Director, Jessica Spaeth - Project Coordinator, Cory Erickson – Hillsboro Banner, and Jim Johnson – Traill County Tribune.

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

Sando informed the group of an upcoming tour with Elbit, an Israeli company, planning crop research with NDSU in the Hillsboro area. Elbit plans to conduct research for two months next summer and will work with local businesses. Sando requested TCEDC's presence on tour and would like to visit with the Hillsboro Banner for an interview on the upcoming project. Other topics included a ground breaking event at Grand Sky and creating alternate site framework for foreign trade zone. Sando also extended an invitation to the board to attend other UAS related events.

**Secretary's Report**

Motion by Eblen to accept the June 15, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Larson. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Gerszewski moved to accept the June 15, 2015 treasurer's report, Henrickson seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Halvorson to approve payment of checks as submitted, Phipps seconded. Motion carried.

**Executive Director's Report**

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

**Unfinished Business**

Trail United Group received notification from the IRS that the 501(c)(6) tax exemption status application has been received and may take up to 180 days for review.

**Community Housing Reports:**

No reports.

The group discussed the Young Professional kickoff events. Both events were well received by attendees. Beach explained the purpose of a Young Professional network. The objective is to attract and connect young people to their communities.

Business Recruitment – banker looking for expansion property. Planted a seed to expand North of Fargo instead of West.

**New Business**

The 2016 Preliminary Budget as recommended by the Executive Committee was presented and discussed. Motion by Larson to approve 2016 Preliminary Budget with allowance of upward deviation of 2% for possible healthcare costs increase. Seconded by Henrickson. Motion carried.

Child Care Grant Program from 2013 was reviewed. Beach proposed renewing the program with a \$30,000 allocation and updated program guidelines. 30% of total child population have the care they want. Hershey questioned the feasibility of a December 31, 2015 deadline. Motion by Henrickson to fund TCEDC Child Care Grant per updated program guidelines. Eblen seconded. Motion carried. Applications will be reviewed by the Business Assistance Committee.

Banking Institution. Goose River Bank requested TCEDC’s banking relationship. They would purchase our checks from current institution and give us first order of checks for free. Larson suggested if we switched banks, to open it up on bids or move checking on convenience and bid out CDs. Hershey moved to table decision. Spaeth will compile list of assets and bring to next meeting.

**Community Updates**

Gerszewski – Summerfest successful, homes in Riverwood going up quickly, car wash going up on final auction.

Hershey – Buxton Days successful and eventful due to the funnel clouds and storms, sewer line work on south side for new home, Triple VVV status unknown, Reynolds Rib-o-Rama this weekend.

Elliott – nothing to report.

Halvorson – Galesburg Foundation Fundraiser August 21 – dinner and silent auction.

Larson – nothing to report.

Henrickson – Enrollment same as last fall. Shrine football game and Alumni Day are coming up.

Phipps – Hatton Prairie Village had ribbon cutting today, 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration well attended, Foltz building beside fire department for fire department, new student at school

Eblen – Starting budgets, bridge work being done, Highway Department coming along nicely in many areas and law enforcement renovation discussion.

Nysveen – Hillsboro Days successful, Summerfest successful in Mayville, weather cooperated, new building permit for the new housing addition, weather delaying Degelman construction, bids came in over budget for track project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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Officer (printed name & office)                      Signature    Date

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Recording Secretary (printed name)                      Signature    Date