

Minutes of Meeting
Trail County Economic Development Commission
August 21, 2014
7:00 p.m. Trail County EDC Office - Hillsboro, ND

Board of Directors present: Deb Killo, Gary Nysveen, Jay Henrickson, Rick Halvorson, Les Amb, Stuart Larson, Tom Eblen, Roxanne Phipps and Phil Murphy. **Also present:** Melissa Beach – Executive Director, Jessica Spaeth - Project Coordinator, Cole Short – Hillsboro Banner, Jim Johnson – Trail County Tribune and Buxton resident Ben Hershey.

A tour of Full Service Foods preceded the meeting. Amy Gordon, owner, gave a brief tour and noted that they have been in business for 25 years. The company processes small, custom bulk sauces and ships them to retail customers. Gordon indicated she had a reliable, long-term staff and felt secure in the business.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by vice-chairman Nysveen.

Ben Hershey introduced himself. He is a 7-year resident of Buxton. He is president of Buxton Improvement and has a degree in Meteorology.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Murphy to accept the July 17, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Eblen. Motion carried.

Motion by Henrickson to accept the August 13, 2014 Executive Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Killo. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Halvorson moved to accept the July 17, 2014 treasurer's report, Eblen seconded. Motion carried. Motion by Killo 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

The strategic plan was discussed. Due to several completed tasks and a shift in the economic needs in Trail County, Beach would like to thoroughly reevaluate in early 2015.

The housing study was discussed. We received approval from North Dakota Housing and Finance for a \$10,000 grant for a county-wide housing study to be completed. The executive committee's recommendation was to approve up to \$7,000 from the TCEDC, with assistance from Hatton, Hillsboro, and Mayville/Portland totaling \$5,000. Motion by Henrickson to accept recommendation, seconded by Larson. Motion Carried.

The organizational structure was discussed. The executive committee's recommendation was to apply for a 501(c)6 tax status. Motion by Killo accept recommendation and proceed to the County Commission for approval, seconded by Henrickson. Motion carried.

The group also discussed a name for the new entity. Motion by Kylo to adopt: Traill United Development Group. The motion died for a lack of second.

Motion by Murphy to adopt: Traill United Group as the new entity name, seconded by Henrickson. Motion carried.

New Business

Beach presented Facebook and Google analytics to the group as requested by Henrickson at the July meeting.

Community Updates

Henrickson – There will be a ribbon cutting for Stan Dakken Drive. MSU numbers will likely reach 1,100 with record enrollment expected this fall.

Halvorson – Someone is interested in the café and Galesburg Area Development will host an ice cream social.

Amb – SRS bought Portland bean plant and Portland junction. Traill County Courthouse will host an open house on September 16, 2014. Paving projects have started on county roads 5, 9, 14, and 21. The courthouse parking lot paving is complete.

Larson – 12 storage units are being built on the old water tower lot. A new house is being built on North Main Street.

Murphy – Sent report to Hillsboro Banner and Traill County Tribune on natural gas discussion.

Eblen – An addition will be added to the ballot to raise money for roads and bridges.

Phipps – First day of school, bus barn is up. Dire Comics office space for sale – owner will primarily focus on online sales. The beautification committee planted new trees.

Kylo – CLS has an employee working. Gardiner building is ready. KRS is building a new warehouse.

Nysveen – Casey’s General Store continues to remodel kitchen. Lots of new building going on.

Hershey – Buxton City Hall was torn down. Reynolds United Co-op is building a dry fertilizer plant. The city council is continuing to look into development of lots on the south side of town.

The next TCEDC meeting will be held on September 18, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Officer (printed name & office) Signature Date

Recording Secretary (printed name) Signature Date