

Lincoln County Economic Development Council

Minutes

January 24th, 2008

Davenport WA

Members: Doug Plinski, Rex Harder, Lauri Long, Dale Swant, Billie Herron, Gary Green, Mike Evans, Scott Hutsell, Rob Coffman and Lynn McWhorter

I. Call to order

Dale Swant called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Board Members Rex Harder, Lynn McWhorter, Dale Swant, Scott Hutsell, Billie Herron and Doug Plinski. Guest Ken Sterner was present as were staff members Pam Kelley and Joyce Mings.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Scott **moved** to approve the minutes from December 27th. Lynn seconded and motion was carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report included a balance sheet, A profit & loss budget vs. actual, a profit & Loss Budget overview and an interim balance sheet. Scott **moved** to approve the treasurer's report. Lynn seconded the motion and motion was carried.

Joyce prepared a potential budget to determine if the EDC could afford to move out of the office Lincoln County has been donating.

The County asked for a budget as an attachment to the Lincoln County Economic Development Fund Grant application. Rex and Scott said they would get that information to courthouse.

V. New Business

Ken Sterner was present to discuss the North Columbia Community Action Council and The Prosperity Center in Moses Lake. Some of the service they offer are:

- Financial Planning classes
- Finance and Credit Counseling
- Individual Development Accounts
- Free tax Preparation
- First Time Homebuyers Classes
- First Time Homebuyers Programs

VI. Open Issue

More discussion was held on when to hold the membership drive events. It was decided that March and September would be the months to strive for.

Billie reported that the Opera House Society will set up and present for the Spring event in March. Lynn contacted Centurytel and they have suggested they will sponsor the event.

There was much discussion about moving the EDC office. The board looked over a potential budget an office independent of the County. Pam asked the board to be on the lookout for potential sites in their areas.

Scott made a **motion** to authorize Pam to look at and choose a new location. Lynn seconded and the motion carried.

Dale reported on the tourism maps. He still needs pictures of the communities. Other than that it is almost done. He would like to take it to press by the end of February and should have something to look at by the next meeting.

Pam updated the board on the projects she has been working on.

VII. Adjournment

The next meeting is set for February 27th at 1:30 p.m. If the office has relocated by then, the meeting will be in the new office.

Minutes submitted by: Joyce Mings

Minutes approved by: