

Lincoln County Economic Development Council

Minutes

November 19th, 2009

10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Davenport, WA

Members: Doug Plinski, Rex Harder , Dale Swant, Billie Herron, Gary Green, Steve Starr, Scott Hutsell, Ron Groff and Lynn McWhorter

Present: Billie Herron, Lynn McWhorter, Doug Plinski, Ron Groff, Dale Swant, Steve Starr, Rex Harder and staff members Margie Hall and Joyce Mings.

Guests included Robert Wyborney, Jim Pope, **Odessa Airport**, Steve Goemmel, Dale Ramm, and Scott Clemenson

I. Lincoln County Economic Development Fund

The main purpose of this meeting was to hear presentations from applicants for the Lincoln County Economic Development Fund. The Board watched the presentations, asked questions and filled out score sheets with their recommendations going to the County Commissioners. Although they felt all the projects were worthy of funds, the following is the priority list the Board gave the Commissioners.

Project	Total Score Average
Harrington Opera House	46
Wilbur Airport	46
Odessa Airport	43
Reardan Rail	43
Lincoln County Fire Dist. 1	40
Harrington Restrooms	35
Davenport Field of Dreams	35
Wilbur Downtown Revitalization	31
Odessa Festplatz	29

Discussion was held on how to better the LCEDF process.

Some of the points to consider were:

- Whether or not non members would be eligible to apply.
- Should there be a non-partisan committee formed to hear the presentations and score them?
- Analyse the point system. Should there be more emphasis on the dynamic features?
- To take the EDC's payment out of the process.

II. Minutes and Treasurer's reports

Dale **moved** to approve the minutes as written. Rex seconded and motion passed.

Discussion was again held on the budget. Rex had intended to get together with Margie to fine tune the budget in the previous couple weeks, but was unable to. They will get together before the next Board meeting. Dale **moved** to approve the treasurer's report. Doug seconded and motion passed.

Dale **moved** to pay the Errors and Omissions insurance premium of \$970.00. Steve seconded and motion passed.

Margie's computer memory is full and in anticipation of needing a replacement Rex **moved** to give her authority to purchase another for under \$1000.00. Steve seconded and motion passed.

III. Old business

Discussion was held again regarding Billie stepping down from the Board with the opportunity to return at a later date when things aren't so hectic for her. She will make suggestions to the Board for a replacement. The general opinion was that if she could return, "The more the merrier".

Margie reported that she applied for \$4000.00 from the motel/hotel tax fund to go toward marketing Lincoln County.

IV. Next meeting

Dale **moved** to cancel the December meeting. Lynn seconded and motion passed. The next meeting was set for January 21st in Davenport. Dale would like to see discussion of a Spring event on that agenda. Rex **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 2:00. Lynn seconded and meeting was closed.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by: