

Lincoln County Economic Development Council

Minutes

December 27th, 2007
Commissioners Chambers, Davenport WA

Members: Sam Braun, 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 1:30 p.m.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Board Members Rex Harder, Lynn McWhorter, Dale Swant, Scott Hutsell, Billie Herron and Rob Coffman. Guests included Dennis Bly, Ed Haydon, Ron Costlow, Jack Walker, Karen Robertson and Doug Plinski. Staff members Pam Kelley and Joyce Mings were also present. The Board received a letter of interest from Doug Plinski to become a Board member and also a letter of resignation from Sam Braun. Scott **motioned** to put Doug Plinski on the EDC Board of Directors. Lynn seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Scott **moved** to approve the minutes from October 16th. Rex seconded and motion was carried.

IV. Treasurer' Report

Rex presented the treasurer's report showing the EDC account balance at \$12,342.97 in assets and \$2319.18 in liabilities. A Profit and Loss Budget Performance report was included in the packets for the board members. He said the EDC was basically breaking even. Discussion was held about how to get new members and when to invoice the existing members. Some members have been invoiced a year after their first contribution. It was decided to go ahead and send invoices now to the Chambers and PDA's. The Board asked Pam and Joyce to update the membership brochures with the new Board members and make more to hand out.

V. New Business

Ron Costlow, Ed Hayden and Jack Walker were present to ask the EDC for support for the OHV organization. Ron told of the successes of the dual sports

events they have held over the past three years in Odessa. He suggested that each town in Lincoln County should look into routes and planned activities for these sports enthusiasts. He thought it would be beneficial for each community to create a brochure that maps routes for motorcycles with points of interest.

VI. Open Issues

Karen Robertson attended the meeting to go over the web site she has been hired to construct. She went over every aspect of the site and asked for comments and input. She asked to be sent minutes and agenda's from EDC and PDA meetings and also for help to keep up the community calendar. Karen gave each board member a hand out with instructions how to add to the community calendar and a list of what she would like to collect for the web site. She took a picture of the members present to post on the site.

Pam reported on the results from the Review Committee of the LCEDC Development Fund. The Review Committee stated that all the applications represented worthy projects. The Committee's priority list is as follows:

1. Reardan Small Business Incubator
2. City of Sprague I-90 Water & Sewer Extension
3. Harrington Opera House
4. Wheatland Little League
5. City of Davenport Airport Operations Center
6. Inland Empire Railway Historical Society Museum Building

Scott **motioned** to approve the prioritization list as recommended. Rex seconded and motion was carried. The list will go to the Board of County Commissioners.

Pam reported on the various ongoing projects she is working on.

The Spring Event has been set for March 20th in Harrington. This event will be a membership drive as well as a showcase for local talents. It will be held in the Harrington Opera House. Pam told the board that she and Joyce will contact local artists, food vendors and prepare a budget for the event by the next EDC meeting. She asked that Board members forward contact information about artists in their areas to her.

VII. Adjournment

The next meeting is set for January 24th at 1:30 p.m. in the EDC office in Davenport.
President Dale Swant closed the meeting at 3:30p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Joyce Mings

Minutes approved by: