

Lincoln County Economic Development Council

Minutes

December 4th, 2008

Davenport, WA

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

I. Roll call and introductions

Vice President Scott Hutsell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The following persons were present:

Board Members: Scott Hutsell, Lynn McWhorter, Rex Harder, Doug Plinski, Billie Herron, Ron Groff and staff members Pam Kelley and Joyce Mings.

Guests included Kim King, Steve Goemmel, Larry Condon, Karen Robertson, Jeanette Coppersmith, Kim Ramm, Farrah Britton, Garry Patterson, and Robert Wyborny .

II. Minutes and Treasurer's reports

Doug **motioned** to accept the minutes as presented. Lynn seconded and motion passed.

Joyce presented the treasurers report. Billie **motioned** to approve the treasurer's report. Ron seconded and motion passed.

III. New Business

Pam spoke to the guests and board members about the Lincoln County Economic Development Fund and how the process works. She noted that there were more applicants than ever before and that there simply wasn't enough money in the fund to go around. The applications have all been submitted and now the LCEDC Board will hear presentations and create a priority list to submit to the County Commissioners. The Commissioners will then make the final decisions at their next scheduled public meeting. Soon after, applicants will be notified as to whether or not they will be funded. Copies of all the applications were in each Board member's packets.

After each proponent gave their presentation the EDC Board discussed the projects and created the following priority list that will be presented to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on December 15, 2008 for its final decision.

#1 Lincoln County Economic Development Council – Lincoln EDC Job Creation Fund

Total Project Cost:	\$113,829
LCEDF Request:	\$ 40,460
Match:	\$73,309

The Lincoln County EDC is a non-profit organization that was formed in July 2006 for the sole purpose of job creation through business enhancement and recruitment in Lincoln County, Washington. The funds are requested to meet the budget needs to staff one full-time director and one part-time assistant. In the coming year the Lincoln County EDC will be working directly with new and expanding businesses to provide grant/loan services, project development, permitting and job training assistance

#2 Odessa Public Development Authority – Barr Regional Bio-Industrial Park

Total Project Cost:	\$8,405,000
LCEDF Request:	\$ 35,000
Match:	\$ 170,000 On hand
Jobs created:	40 direct green collar jobs

The OPDA will build the infrastructure to serve an industrial park dedicated to innovative green businesses. The anchor tenant will be N.W. Industrial Services that lease the facility from the OPDA for a green waste composting facility, a food waste anaerobic digester and algae ponds. The composting facility will produce high grade compost, the anaerobic digester will produce 3 megawatts of renewable energy and the algae ponds will provide oil feedstock for the Odessa biodiesel facility.

The OPDA will use the funds for preliminary engineering and permit application fees and a local match for the five grant/loan applications it will take to complete the public side of the project.

3# City of Davenport – Davenport Municipal Airport Refueling Station and Taxiway

Improvements

Total Project Cost:	\$449,271
LCEDF Request:	\$25,000
Match:	\$75,000 City of Davenport

Construct a fuel station that will operate 24 hours/day 7 days/week and a taxiway needed for potential hangar development. Attract transient aircraft to the Davenport Airport for re-fueling and visits to the community and its businesses.

#4 Town of Wilbur – Wilbur Airport Runway Extension

Total Project Cost:	\$1,200,000
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LCEDF Request: \$ 4,000
Match: \$1,196,000

Widen and lengthen the existing Wilbur Airport runway to 60' x3,850' to allow larger, commercial aircraft to use the airport. These funds will assist with the engineering needed to move the project forward and save an entire year of delay. The project will increase the number of recreational visitors to the area, open freight operation opportunities and enhance first strike fire control and air ambulance abilities.

#5 City of Sprague – Sprague Railroad Depot Museum/Civic Center

Total Project Cost: \$110,939
LCEDF Request: \$20,000
Match: \$90,939

The Sprague R/R Depot was partially renovated with public grant funds and local donations in 2005. Since then the project has lacked the needed motivation to move to completion. Recently a new group of citizens has mobilized and are now determined to move ahead and create a museum, a civic center and a space for a new small business. This will generate tourist activity, a new business and will offer the local community a place to gather for performances and classes.

#6 Harrington Opera House – Heating & Electricity in Opera House Auditorium

Total Project Cost: \$25,514
LCEDF Request: \$15,000
Match: \$10,614

This is a downtown revitalization project renovating an historic building. Once completed, it will become a cultural hub for the region.

#7 Wheatland Little League – ‘Field of Dreams’

Total Project Cost: \$1,550,000
LCEDF Request: \$ 4,000
Match: \$ 966,000

Build a Little League field that will serve 250-300 children in the region. The Little League tournaments will enhance local businesses. A huge number of volunteer hours have already gone into the project. These funds will be used to leverage other grant applications

#8 Town of Almira – Amending Zoning Ordinance

Total Project Cost: \$2,725
LCEDF Request: \$2,000
Match: \$750 Town of Almira

The Town of Almira is amending their Zoning Ordinance to create a new Agricultural/Commercial Zone to enhance future business opportunities outside

the downtown flood zone. This will directly enhance A+ Automotive Repair and bring it into code.

Use of funds: Legal fees

#9 Town of Wilbur – Downtown Revitalization Irrigation

Total Project Cost: \$630,787

LCEDF Request: \$15,000

Match: \$5,000

When the Town of Wilbur built new sidewalks in 2004 funded through CDBG and TIB there weren't enough funds for the underground watering system and wiring. The trees along the streets were planted by a local Boy Scout and then each tree was purchased and dedicated to an individual. These trees have been watered manually for the past four years which is very labor intensive. The trees and flower pots enhance the downtown business district. The funds will be used to complete the watering system.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be in Reardan, January 29th at 4:00 p.m. before the scheduled Mayors meeting at 6:00p.m. at The Branding Iron Restaurant.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by: