

Lincoln County Economic Development Council

Minutes

April 23rd, 2009
Wilbur, 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

President Dale Swant opened the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

The following persons were present:

Board Members: Scott Hutsell, Doug Plinski, Ron Groff, Billie Herron, Rex Harder, Steve Starr, Kim King, Dale Swant, Lynn McWhorter, Gary Green and staff members Pam Kelley and Joyce Mings. Guests were Larry and Ted Condon.

Kim King presented the Board with a letter of interest to fill a vacant Board position. Ron made a **motion** to give Kim a seat on the Board of Directors. Lynn seconded and motion passed.

Welcome Kim!

II. Minutes and Treasurer's reports

After reviewing the January and February minutes Gary made a **motion** to approve both sets of minutes. Doug seconded and motion passed.

Rex and Joyce gave the treasurer's report. Steve made a **motion** to approve the treasurer's report. Ron seconded the motion and motion passed.

Dale reported that he had presented a budget for the Lincoln County Visitors & Convention Bureau for approval last year and that the bill from Certified Folder Display Service, Inc was included in that budget. Therefore another motion to pay the bill was unnecessary. Joyce will pay the bill of \$1700.88 to get the maps dispersed.

III. Old business

Project updates:

- Larry Condon from Barr-Tech, LLC reported on the Barr Regional Bio-Industrial Park. Much of the preliminary work has been completed. Unfortunately, the infrastructure cost is nearly double what they had expected, but he expects the project to be shovel-ready by July.

- Steve Starr reported on progress with Inland Empire Oilseeds. They are installing a crusher that should be on line by mid to late July. They will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony that will be decided on the Governors availability, hopefully in July. Steve reported that the customers have finally started coming, and hopefully soon they will be fully staffed with 20 people in full time jobs.
- Rex Harder from the Sprague PDA, reported on the Sprague I-90 project (a light industrial park off the freeway). He said the city had approved the annexation and everything was moving along.
- Billie Herron from the Harrington Opera House reported that there will be a workshop on becoming a Certified Local Government. They are still in the developmental stages. She was happy to announce that the Harrington Opera House has something planned in every month through September.
- Dale Swant from the Reardan PDA reported that the Reardan Museum has completed a feasibility and marketing study and sent it to the Washington Community, Trade & Economic Development. Reardan is now gearing up for its annual Mule Days event and expect it to be a success.
- Ron Groff reported that the Deer Meadows golf course will open soon with an 18 hole course. The future of the 7 Bays area is uncertain due to the economy. The casino has closed and the restaurant in 7-Bays may not be able to re-open this season. Pam suggested that the EDC get more involved with this area. She suggested that the June EDC meeting be held there and asked Ron to look into a possible meeting spot.
- Pam reported that the energy stimulus money was going to the states for dispersal. Lynn reported that the paperwork is overwhelming for the small staffs of the towns and cities and asked if any of the stimulus money could be used for administration. Pam said that it couldn't, but would look into other possibilities.

IV. New Business

Pam reported that she will be attending a WEDA conference in May.

Pam asked the Board to help gather and submit pictures, stories, meeting minutes and agenda's etc. for the EDC web site.

Attached to the packets was the LCEDC economic development plan that Pam had created. Doug **moved** to approve the plan. Gary seconded and the motion passed.

Next meeting

The next meeting was set for May 28th. The next meeting place was not decided.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by: