

Lincoln County Economic Development Council

Minutes

May 15th, 2008
Old Town Hall Odessa, WA

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

I. Call to order

Vice President Scott Hutsell called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Board Members Lynn McWhorter, Billie Herron, Doug Plinski, Scott Hutsell and staff members Pam Kelley and Joyce Mings. Guest were Steve Powell, Gordon Herron, Gary Schoessler, Frank Nonnemacher, and Terry Schmidt Crosby.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

There were no minutes presented; therefore minutes weren't approved.

IV. Treasurer' Report

Rex was not available for the meeting; therefore treasurer's report was not approved.

V. New Business

Pam asked the board for input for the next newsletter. The following are suggestions:

- Report on the Harrington Event
- Project updates
- Address: Why do you want to be a member?
- Social services
- Normally 2 businesses are highlighted. Doug suggested Rolling Thunder Saloon and Rocky Coulee Brewing Co. He noted that Rocky Coulee will be malting their own barley soon.

Pam reported on the joint meeting with the Sprague Horizons program. She stated that it became obvious that the different social services receiving money to service Lincoln County aren't getting the job done. She said that the EDC will be working on creating a

Social Services page on the EDC website that will serve as a resource directory. The EDC has also agreed to put together a draft resource directory in hard copy format for distribution in the towns and cities of the County.

Steve Powell was present to update the board on the Odessa biodiesel project. He stated that the project has been in progress since 2005 and that it will be the first integrated oilseed crusher and biodiesel refinery in the State of Washington. The Odessa PDA received \$4.38 Million from the Washington State Legislature to retrofit a wheat storage building and purchase equipment which is now leased to Inland Empire Oilseeds, LLC. Once finished the facility will crush 40,000 tons of canola seed and produce 8 Million gallons of biodiesel per year.

VI. Open Issue

Pam reported that she still gets questions about the scope of the EDC. Gary Schoessler, who is running for County Commissioner, reported that he has had possible businesses approach him and didn't know where to send them. The Board discussed the problem and decided their town and city halls would be the first point of contact for future businesses and that it would be a good idea to coordinate with them for referrals. The Board decided to invite the mayors and clerks of Lincoln County to the next EDC Board meeting to discuss this issue, along with giving the Mayors and Clerks an opportunity to share their successes and challenges with each other. It was also decided to invite all five of the Lincoln County PDA's to the July meeting.

VII. Adjournment

The next meeting was set for June 26th at 7:00 in Davenport. The Mayors and Clerks of Lincoln County will be invited to this meeting. Scott will locate a meeting spot in Davenport. The Board members and guests went to tour the biodiesel plant after the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by: