

Lincoln County Economic Development Council

Minutes

July 24th, 2008

Creston School, Creston WA

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

I. Call to order

President Dale Swant called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

II. Roll call and introductions

The following persons were present: Board Members Lynn McWhorter, Billie Herron, Doug Plinski, Scott Hutsell, Dale Swant, Rex Harder, Gary Green and staff members Pam Kelley and Joyce Mings. Guests were Ron Hall, Gordon Herron, Cassandra Pfaffle and Bunny Haugan. Scott **motioned** to approve the minutes, noting that an attachment regarding the Mayors and Clerk meeting was missing. However, the board had received them via e-mail. Gary seconded and motion was carried.

III. Treasurer' Report

Rex and Joyce presented the board with a Treasurer's report. As of July 22nd, 2008 the total checking and savings was \$48,577.89. Joyce and Pam discussed e-mail problems and discussed the possibility of switching carriers. Joyce gave a comparison of costs and noted that the switch would stay within the budget. The board agreed that it may be cost effective to switch providers. Billie **motioned** to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Lynn seconded and motion was passed.

IV. New Business

Pam invited a Google Earth specialist, Ron Hall, to make a presentation. Ron gave a short history of how he got familiar with Google earth. He then showed examples of how this tool could help showcase Lincoln County. He said he would like to be involved in a project in a rural area and wondered if there was grant money available to get this project off the ground. Pam had included in the packet a grant opportunity from CTED (Tourism Competitive Grant Program) that might fit the project. This grant has to be matched dollar for dollar. Pam suggested a grant writing workshop for this grant and also a brainstorming session for possible collaboration with the towns and cities, PDA's, chambers, and schools. It was noted that Courtney Harder and Karen Robertson would be important people to have at this meeting. Karen noted that a good videographer would be advisable. The meeting was set for August 4th at the Creston School at 6:00.

Pam discussed upcoming visits by U.S. Senator Murray's representatives and also David Porter (Economic Development Association). The board went over the itineraries Pam had in the packets and made some adjustments.

The agenda had allowed time to form a committee for the Visitors and Conventions Bureau. Dale asked that this wait till the results from the meeting on August 4th are in. Dale said he would provide a budget for the current year for the Lincoln County Visitors and Convention Bureau soon.

V. Elections

Gary **motioned** that the officers remain the same with the exception of secretary, which was empty. Lynn seconded and motion was carried. Dale Swant elected president, Scott Hutsell Vice president and Rex Harder Treasurer. Gary **motioned** that Lynn McWhorter take the Secretary position, Rex seconded and motion passed.

VI. Next meeting

Next meeting will be at the Creston School at 6:00 p.m. on August 4th, 2008.

Bilie **motioned** to close at 6:00, Lynn seconded and motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by: