

Lincoln County Economic Development Council

Minutes

September 23rd, 2010
Davenport, WA
Lincoln County Courthouse

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 Ron Groff opened the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

The following persons were present:

Board Members: Scott Hutsell, Lynn McWhorter, Rex Harder, Ron Groff, Billie Herron, Gary Green and staff members Margie Hall and Joyce Mings.

II. Minutes and Treasurer's reports

The minutes and Treasurer's reports had been e-mailed to the Board members for review before the Board meeting. Rex made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Billie seconded and motion passed.

Gary made a **motion** to approve the treasurer's report. Lynn seconded and motion passed.

III. Old business

Margie reported that neither proposal from Lincoln County for Project Straw was considered by the company. In fact, no sites in Washington State made the cut. The only sites that continue to be considered are those with a \$5 million or greater incentive packages.

Margie recently attended the Northwest Economic Development Course and found it a very informative conference. She discussed the course and handed out copies of a presentation (Managing Economic Development Organizations) for the Board members to review and discuss at the next meeting.

IV. Unfinished business

Margie and Joyce had finished suggested changes on the bylaws that were left to be approved. Margie asked the Board to review the changes and let the staff know by Friday, Oct 8th if they have any disputes. The staff will then e-mail those changes to the Board members for comment. The Board will then vote on the amended by-laws at the October 2010 meeting.

Margie asked the Boards approval to draft an employee agreement for Joyce to be considered at the next meeting. The Board agreed

Margie reported on the Lodging tax agreement with the County.

Project updates. The staff reported on OPDA & Barr Tech, CPOW, NWLCRPDA, IEO and Fire Dist 1.

Margie reported on the progress of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). EDA representative David Porter told Margie that as long as the plan is in the works, it won't hamper the OPDA's chances of receiving an EDA grant. He also suggested the LCEDC seek EDA funding to help with the planning process. The Board asked the staff to find clips from other CEDS plans for review that may be appropriate for our area and make that an agenda item.

The group congratulated Billie and the Harrington Opera House on their recent received grant. Billie reported that the money went to work immediately and there is now a ceiling in the auditorium! Their next project will be an elevator.

V. New Business

At the County Commissioners request, Margie met with the interim Director for Big Bend Economic Development Council. They are currently trying to reorganize and reinstate their EDA funding on behalf of the Adams/Grant/Lincoln County region. The Commissioners will ultimately make the decision to rejoin or not. Margie asked the Board if they had any input they would like her to convey to the Commissioners.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. October 28th, 2010. It was decided to hold meetings at 3:30 vs. 3:00 now due to conflicting schedules. President Groff closed the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by: