

Lincoln County Economic Development Council

Minutes

March 24th, 2011

Davenport, WA

Lincoln County Courthouse

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

I. Roll call and introductions

The following persons were present:

Board Members: Doug Plinski, Ron Groff, Gary Green, Lynn McWhorter, Rex Harder and Scott Hutsell

Guest: Joe Kerst

Staff members: Margie Hall and Joyce Mings

II. Minutes and Treasurer's reports

Doug made a **motion** to approve minutes from both the January and February meetings. Gary seconded and motion passed.

Dale made a **motion** to approve treasurer's reports from both the January and February meetings. Lynn seconded and motion passed.

III. Old business

Margie reported that both she and Commissioner Hutsell accompanied the Odessa Public Development Authority (OPDA) and Cattle Producers of Washington (CPOW) to the March CERB meeting for presentation. The CERB Board approved a \$1.2 million loan to the OPDA for a USDA slaughter facility.

Margie also reported that LCEDC received approval to administer \$8000.00 of the County's Lodging Tax for promotion of Lincoln County to tourists outside of Lincoln County.

IV. Unfinished Business

Margie reported that the status of the ADO grants in the State's supplemental budget cuts is still unknown.

A special meeting with NoaNet, Mayors, Commissioners, Librarians and interested parties was held recently. Hopefully everyone left with a little bit more understanding. Librarians did not receive any bids relating to NoaNet and have gotten recommendations not to sign Form 471 for E-Rate discounted Internet service. Gary Bortel of the Washington State Library indicated they should regroup and try again in the fall.

Margie recently met with Mayor Johnson of Reardan. He would like to see another meeting concerning Noa Net. He would like the group to look more closely at the grant. He would like to invite someone from the Federal program that is funding the project to be at this meeting.

Harrington Historic Preservation Commission is applying for a DAHP grant to prepare a nomination of their business district to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The EDC and Chamber Presidents from Reardan and Davenport are working with the Spokane Tribe to promote several events being held at Two Rivers Casino this summer.

A Solar company has contracted with Barr Tech to install a pilot solar farm at the Barr Regional Bio Industrial Park. The firm is working with the OPDA to find potential funding.

Rex invited Mr. Kerst to the meeting. He owns property on 8th Street, adjacent to the Stockyards. He attended the meeting to ask the EDC for suggestions on how to develop it.

V. New Business

The Board discussed a public records request made by Arlene Lyons of Odessa WA.

Rex made a **motion** to respond to Mrs. Lyons that while the Board of Directors for the Lincoln County Economic Development Council do not believe that the Economic Development Council is a public agency for the purpose of the public disclosure act, they will fulfill your request to the best of their ability.

Lynn seconded the motion and motion passed.

The Board asked that the staff advertise the regular May meeting as the annual meeting including instructions for nominations of Board members and officers. It is hoped that this meeting will be well attended.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21st at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers.

Dale made a **motion** to close the meeting at 4:31. Lynn seconded the motion and motion passed. President Groff closed the meeting

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by: