



## **Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Open meeting laws noted.

**Members Present:** Darcy Johnson, Derek Downer, Judy Jackson, Dave Custer, Randy Heitmann, Jarod Albers, Logan Baker

**Members Absent:** Tom Shoemaker, Jan tenBensel

**Others Present:** Melissa Jackson, Jodi Cobb, Mayor Dave Gunderson

**Agenda Corrections or Additions:** None noted.

**Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills:** A motion to approve the Minutes and Bills was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Logan Baker. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Jodi Cobb gave an update on the upcoming Live2Lead simulcast Feb. 27, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Derek Downer, to sponsor the afternoon session at \$500.

Jodi also gave an update on Medicine Creek Days (MCD), stressing the desire to decrease the reliance on sponsorships for the event. The MCD committee is doing away with radio advertising and adjusting sponsorship opportunities. Economic Development would like to support MCD in some way.

The Chamber is putting together a committee to explore pricing for two "Welcome to Cambridge" signs at East and West city limits.

Melissa Jackson gave an activities report to the Board.

Board seats and officer elections were held. A motion was made by Derek Downer, seconded by Jarod Albers, to keep current officers: President – Tom Shoemaker; Vice-President – Darcy Johnson; Treasurer – Jan tenBensel; Secretary – Melissa Jackson. A motion was made by Jarod Albers, seconded by Randy Heitmann, to re-elect Logan Baker, Darcy Johnson and Jan tenBensel to the Board for another 3-year term. Motions carried.

Discussion was held on the Logan Huxoll Down Payment Assistance application. A motion was made by Logan Baker, seconded by Derek Downer, to approve the application. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the Nick Martin Down Payment Assistance application. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Derek Downer, to approve the application. Motion passed.

Dow Newcomb requested the lot west of his home in Harvest Meadows to put up a building. The Mayor is going to take the discussion up with City Council. The Board's recommendation is if he's building a house, then he qualifies for a free lot. The Board's recommendation to the City Council is to not accept this request due to future potential value of houses in Harvest Meadows. If a joint committee meeting is necessary, the Mayor will notify the Board.

**Project Updates:**

The Board reviewed each of the hardship grant applications:

A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Jarod Albers, to approve the Cambridge General Store application. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jarod Albers, seconded by Dave Custer, to approve the Bloom's application. Judy Jackson abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jarod Albers, seconded by Logan Baker, to approve the Town Talk application. Motion passed.

Checks for \$5,000 to each business will be cut in the next 2 weeks.

The Board recommended NAPA as the March Business of the Month.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.