



Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Open meeting laws noted in the City Office.

Members Present: Tom Shoemaker, Jan tenBensel, Darcy Johnson, Jarod Albers, Lori Harding, Judy Jackson, Jason Weiss

Members Absent: Derek Downer, Randy Heitmann

Others Present: Melissa Jackson, Mayor David Gunderson

Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills: The Board reviewed the March financials. A motion was made by Judy Jackson, seconded by Jason Weiss, to approve the financials. Motion carried.

New Business:

M. Jackson gave an activities report.

The Board reviewed the Twin Valleys Public Power District internship application. A motion was made by Darcy Johnson, seconded by Jarod Albers, to approve the motion. Jason Weiss abstained. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Shoemaker Down Payment Assistance application. A motion was made by Jason Weiss, seconded by Judy Jackson, to approve the application. Tom Shoemaker and Lori Harding abstained. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Ekberg Housing Rehab Program application. A motion was made by Darcy Johnson, seconded by Jan tenBensel, to approve the application. Jarod Albers abstained. Motion carried. Funds will be disbursed upon rental or sale of the home and all required documentation is received.

M. Jackson gave an overview of proposed downtown planters. Discussion was tabled until further information is received.

Project Updates:

The Board discussed business of the month for June 2024.

M. Jackson will create a newspaper ad highlighting how to apply for the Rural Workforce Housing grant funds and how they can be used.

M. Jackson reported she had an initial call with NPPD regarding a new website. Work will commence once NPPD receives the signed contract.

Public Comment:

The Medicine Creek Days committee inquired as to whether ED wanted to sponsor anything during the event.

The Board discussed Chamber involvement.

The group and Mayor Gunderson spoke about lots in Harvest Meadows, the possibility of duplexes, the workforce housing grant and the Tri City Housing program.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the City offices.