

BOTTINEAU COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Board of Directors Meeting – March 28, 2018

St Andrews Health Center Conference Room – 12 noon

Key: *M-Motion, MS-Motion Second, VV-Voice Vote, RCV-Roll Call Vote, MC-Motion Carried*

Board Present: Chuck Neubauer, Doug Marsden, Tyler Rogers, Mike Foster, Jodi Atkinson, Jason Guss, Jerry Migler

Staff: Whitney Gonitzke, Executive Director;

Visitors: none

Absent: Julie Mears, Jon Beyer

Chairman Chuck Neubauer opened the meeting at 12:12 pm. No Agenda Items were added.

VISITOR REPORT: none

MEETING AGENDA:

Election of Officers: Due to time constraints this will be deferred until the April meeting.

Approve Minutes: *M-Guss to approve March 28 minutes; MS-Foster; VV-MC.*

Review/Approve Financials: Board was provided copies of financial reports to review. Gonitzke provided an overall of the financial year to date February 2018. Discussion followed.

Highlighted the following on the loan report:

- The Preserve/ Roger Riley –A lengthy conversation was held regarding the deed in lieu and the options that maybe available to the EDC as well as other debts that are attached to these properties.
- Boppre was called, check bounced; per the City they have been instructed to run the check through again.
- Birchwood-No movement
- Dragon Spray and Pure Aquatic-No movement

M-Marsden to approve the Financial Reports, MS-Migler. VV-MC.

Metigoshe Drive Inn BCLP:

Gonitzke provided an update on the proposed sale of the Drive Inn and the loans that are in place at this time. The current owner is requesting that the loans be transferred to a new individual; financials were provided and reviewed. Discussion followed about transferring the two loans or originating one to combine to the two amounts; Foster made a motion to conditionally approve the new loan pending approval from the first two positions-SBA and First National Bank and Trust, seconded by Guss. Discussion followed. VV-MC.

Marketing Campaign Update: Gonitzke provided a lengthy update on the work that has been completed so far. Overall the board members were pleased with the proposed campaign and work that had been done. A recommendation was made to reach out to the communities east of Bottineau for their feedback and to ensure that we are communicating county wide. The group also liked the campaign slogan “Metigoshe let’s go” More to follow.

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NDOT Pop Up Demonstration: Lt Governor Sanford recommended Bottineau for a Pop Up Demo, based on his visit to the area in January. Gonitzke provided an update on the demonstration project: The North Dakota DOT is funding the consulting fees for this project, which equates to roughly \$10,000. There will be a meeting on April 10th from 8 until 5pm; if board members could join that would be great; 8am and noon would be welcomed. The meeting will be to choose the project we want to focus on for the Pop Up. Discussion followed.

Mountain Biking Trails Initiative: Deferred until next month's meeting.

Director Report: Gonitzke: minimal discussion.

Reports/Correspondence:

Marsden provided an up-date on the business that will be opening in the old ShopKo building (garden tractor type equipment, repair shop and parts), this has not been confirmed by the building owner nor has there been an announcement made. He also stated that there is an opportunity for someone in the community that may be interested in opening a business; Sears is going back to their mail order and closing the big stores.

Foster inquired about the status of the daycare; Gonitzke stated there is a meeting scheduled in April with EDC Board reps and City reps to research all possible options to assist the community with child care AND to ensure that what recommendations come from the Committee will be agreeable to the Council. Foster stated that timing was critical because we have such a short construction season.

Atkinson inquired about the assisted living development; Gonitzke stated that they are still in the developing process.

Migler and Rogers left the meeting at 12:40pm

Marsden left the meeting at 12:55pm

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2018 at the hospital conference room

Minutes compiled by acting secretary Jodi Atkinson, submitted by Whitney Gonitzke