

Corsica Development Corporation Meeting  
February 13, 2012

The Corsica Development Corporation Board met at Hoffman's at 6:30 am. Board members present were: Dave Koedam, Rod Van Roekel, Keith Sprecher, Scott Vandenberg, Jamie Rexwinkle, Trent Van Den Hoek, Grant Van Zee and Dan Noteboom. Representing City Council was Mayor Dick Brink. Dave Lambert, Director of Development for the Regional Development Association was also present. Special guest was Alex Smith, Regional Business Representative from the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The meeting was called to order. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

Dave Lambert gave the following activity report.

- Vet Update – Still working on site options for the Vet clinic.
- Recruitment – The response to the healthcare Back Office Blind Ads was less than expected. Some companies may be reluctant to locate in Corsica if we can't provide the needed workforce. Workforce recruitment and retention should be our #1 priority.
- Project Tadpole – Electrical Wire and Cable Harness Manufacturer Company is looking for a rural community to lease a building. We will not submit for this project.
- Dairy Development – Value Added Ag Committee met January 25, 2012 with good attendance. Dave Skaggs from the State Ag Department was present. Critical factors identified were raw land and/or facilities; availability of water, three-phase power, and advanced site-specific zoning approval.
- Building at Airport for Fixed-Base Operator – Dan Noteboom reported that engineers will be required to put to the project together properly. Federal money is available for airport improvements.
- Retention / Expansion – The CHS expansion project continues.

Guest Alex Smith spoke on SD WINS – South Dakota Workforce Initiatives. The four initiatives are:

1. Preparing our Youth
2. Training for Skilled Jobs
3. Promoting Rural Health Occupations
4. New South Dakotans

Alex commented that workforce is a problem in South Dakota and this program plans to address this issue. This program is subject to legislation.

Business Day at the legislature is February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dave Lambert encouraged anyone from Corsica to attend. This is a good way to get in front of Legislators to talk about business needs.

Regional Housing Roundtable with Mitchell Area Manufacturer's Assn. Mtg – February 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30 pm in Mitchell. Area towns invited to discuss housing availability.

The next regular meeting will be March 12, 2012 at 6:30 am. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Keith Sprecher, Vice President