

Meeting Minutes: Monday, November 25, 2013

I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Pres. Jamie Rexwinkel called meeting to order. Welcomed special guest, Jake Fischer with Swier Law to the meeting. In absence of agenda, group reviewed October/November Activity Report from Lambert.

II. Activity Report

Recruitment – Lambert shared information regarding recruitment efforts including Project Maverick, Swier Law, and Project Zelda.

Motion to finalize the lease agreement with Swier Law Firm at agreed to terms and leasehold investment in building by Corsica, Inc. of \$10,000. Made by Noteboom, Second by VandenBerge, Carried.

Group consensus to support Parkston's proposal for Project Zelda.

Retention/Expansion – Lambert indicated that efforts are being made to work with an individual to purchase a local service business. Not details provided as prospect is currently working on financing.

Other items – Lambert provided a program overview to the State's Certified Ready Sites Program which provides guidelines to help community's develop shovel ready sites. These certified sites receive this designation after providing all the criteria being sought by professional site selection consultants. Consensus among the group to proceed with more information to be provided soon. Vandehock and VandenBerge volunteered to assist in developing a proposal for the board to consider.

Housing was discussed with a new 3 bedroom governor's home model for forthcoming and possible modifications to existing income guidelines. Discussion regarding getting the Housing Authority reactivated was discussed.

GOED Property Listing was shared by Lambert. Discussed adding the Parks Property to the list.

The impact of the spending freeze on local government entities (City, County, School Dist., Townships) was discussed with a request to put together a white paper synopizing the issues and economic impact and potentially future legislative action to correct situation. VandenBerge volunteer to assist with effort.

Outstanding bill regarding tax liability owed by Corsica, Inc. on former travel plaza. Legal bill and liability amounted to \$89.69. *Motion to pay outstanding liability of \$89.69. Made by Koedam, Second by Reimnitz. Carried.*

Noteboom and Rexwinkel to meet with owners of Central Ag, LLC to finalize Lease/Purchase agreement.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted, David Lambert – Recorder