

**Meeting Minutes: Monday, February 19, 2014**

**I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda**

Pres. Jamie Rexwinkel called meeting to order. Board members present were: Grant Van Zee, Trent Van Den Hoek, Keith Sprecher, Scott Vanden Berg, Dave Koedam. Representing the City Council was Mayor Dick Brink. Dave Lambert Director of Development for the Regional Development Association was also present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

**II. Activity Report**

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

No information to report on Project Maverick.

Rexwinkel continues working on the renovations in the Swier Law office. Discussion was held regarding interest in the other half of the building.

Lambert presented Project Zeus, a well drilling/construction business expanding from Minnesota. Potential to move entire operation to South Dakota due to taxes. They would like to be within 100 miles of the Minnesota border.

Meeting will be held with Central Ag week to review specific items and access to the fuel system.

**Retention/Expansion** – No update to report since last meeting.

**Other items** – Prospect is interested in building multi-family housing units. Ideas were discussed regarding this kind of development.

Governor's Workforce Summit – Possible April dates and multiple locations.

Corsica Development Goals were presented for 2014

**Housing**

- Energize Corsica's Housing Authority to make improvements to and market the 40 lot subdivision on the community's South side;
- Working with the Corsica Housing Authority, identify ways to create affordable housing;
- Working with the Corsica Housing Authority, create a plan to incentivize the building of new homes in Corsica;
- Working with the Corsica Housing Authority, develop strategies to remove dilapidated properties for potential in-fill of houses; and
- Working with the Corsica Housing Authority, identify ways to create multi-family housing opportunities.

### **Infrastructure**

- Continue to develop an action plan to enhance public infrastructure for new housing and business development sites.

### **Business Park Assets**

- Working with the City of Corsica and others, explore future land use development areas for potential business park expansion; and
- Utilize the State's Certified Ready Sites program for potential sites.

### **Business Development**

- Focus on growing our existing business sector thru retention, expansion & new business development activities; and
- Develop an action plan for Small Business Succession Planning in our community to maintain vital business infrastructure.

### **Marketing**

- Develop a plan to create a new, fresh economic development website.
- Work to educate board members, community residents and regional leaders of the economic impact of our efforts;
- Continue to advocate for a plan to upgrade and maintain the County's farm-to-market roads without the need for weight restrictions; and
- Continue to research and advocate for the removal of State's spending freeze on local government agencies (cities and counties).

### **Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted, Keith Sprecher, Vice President