EDC 3-16-22 Meeting Minutes

Deb Coulon opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. Deb Coulon, Jon Satkowiak, Al Chaney, Rich Castle, Rosia Perez, Duane Roddy, Misty DeGuzman and AQJ Welser were present

Pledge of allegiance

Signed per diem sheet

Agenda was reviewed – Chaney motioned to accept and Roddy seconded the motion which passed unanimously

Approval of minutes – Castle motioned to accept and Roddy seconded, motion passed

Per Diem sheet reviewed and signed

Yoder not present - No Liaison’s report

Appointments – nothing

Old Business

1) No payments have been received on RFL
2) Reviewed loan report
3) BOC approved moving forward on delinquent RFL loan collections. Bethany Warner and Associates have been retained to do so for 8 delinquent loans. Roddy has made several attempts to contact Schultz Trucking and received no response. They are one of the 8 moved to collections
4) Bi-Laws reviewed again. Discovered that section 5 wasn’t corrected as approved at prior meeting. Bi-Laws not accepted at this time until proper changes are made
5) Coulon had contacted Thomas Danhoff regarding his interest to remain on the board. He has elected to resign which leaves us with a vacancy
6) Tina Garvin was given access to the admin for the Facebook page
7) Discussed the need to have the budget complete to go before the BOC

New Business

1) Tina Gavin from the EDC has expressed interest in the vacant position on the board
2) Tina is posting the vacancy on Facebook and we are getting with Brenda Moore about putting it in the newspaper. Letters of interest need to be received before our next meeting so that they can be reviewed and voted upon so that we can send our choice to the BOC
3) Discussed reappointment of Coulon. DeGuzman motioned to reappoint through 2028 with Roddy seconding the motion which passed

4) We are requesting the RFL available balance from Leanne as it wasn’t supplied in this month’s report

5) Discussed using our current RFL balance to promote local business. Castle suggested using our Facebook page to highlight “success” stories of businesses that have used the RFL loans successfully to advance their business. Everyone thought this to be a great idea

6) Welser asked about researching articles on electric vehicles, solar power, windmills, etc. for the board to review with the thought that the information would be useful when discussing economic related issues such as the rebate program through Consumers Energy for charge stations for electric vehicles. It was mentioned that Tina Gavin will be attending the Economic Development Climate Change webinar.

Chaney motioned to close the EDC meeting and open Brownfield with Welser seconding, motion passed

6:30 Brownfield opened and Roddy gave an update on the Luzerne contamination issue. Water testing was performed at 10 sites with all coming back negative for PFAS. Letters asking permission were sent to 18 locations but only 10 responded giving permission. Testing for Benzine to take place tentatively in May if possible. Coulon asked if there was any updates for the Haskin property. Nothing new at this time but there was some work done over the summer last year to try and negate the contamination.

6:39 Chaney motioned to close the meeting with Castle seconding it, motion passed and meeting closed.