EDC 4-20-22 Meeting Minutes


Public Comment – no comments made

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda – Reviewed and no additions or changes made. Perez motioned; Roddy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes - Reviewed 3-16-22 minutes, no changes or comments made. Roddy motioned; Perez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Per Diem Sheet – Reviewed and signed.

Liaison’s Report – Kyle Yoder was not present to make report.

Appointments – Rob Murphy, Comins Township Supervisor, provided an update on the current economic development activities and the desire of the Township to grow. Rob provided and spoke about the “Finding Fairview” document that summarized different topics regarding the Township. Rob and the EDC look forward to working together to promote Comins Township and Oscoda County.

Old Business

• RLF
  o EDC received two load payments for the month of March (Asia Cactus and Blue Collar Clothing)
  o Shade Tree Enterprise has made a payment for April
  o Daily Grind will make a payment, but EDC will require owner to work with attorney and update and resign the loan agreement

• RLF Litigation
  o Rich mentioned all 14 demand letters have been mailed by the attorney.
  o Rich read an email from the attorney regarding UCC filings and what that means to the EDC. UCC were originally filed with the Oscoda County Register of Deeds and not the Secretary of State and are now considered “perfected”. The attorney will file the UCC’s will the Secretary of State and there is a chance the EDC liens are subordinate, meaning there is another lien ahead of the EDC’s lien.

New Business

• Board Vacancy – Rich mentioned the County is not required to post EDC vacancies in the newspaper. It has posted the EDC vacancies on its website every three months and has received no applications. Rich stated if the EDC board has the desire to recommend Tina Garvin for one of the open vacancies, the EDC board needs to make a motion/second stating so. The meeting minutes reflecting the recommendation will need to be sent to the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners for approval.
Roddy made the motion; Chaney seconded the EDC recommends that Tina Garvin be appointed to the Oscoda County EDC.

Correspondence/Information – No correspondence/Information provided.

Board Comments/Public Comments
  o Al Chaney comments
    ▪ Al inquired where Kyle Yoder was and why he has not attended the EDC meetings recently? Al was informed that he should make that inquiry at the Board of Commissioner’s meeting.
  o LeAnn Fischer comments
    ▪ Red Oak Station – LeAnn mentioned this loan should had been written off per a comment made by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioners apparently made a motion to write off the loan on 9/20/20. Deb will investigate and update the EDC at the next meeting.
    ▪ USDA Grants – LeAnn has updated the reports that were required by the USDA for the current USDA grant and for applying for future USDA grants. Was contacted by a representative from the USDA about the reports and she feels that is a good sign the EDC is being considered for a new USDA grant. LeAnn stated there are four loans that fall under the old USDA loan that are delinquent:
      • North Star Resort, Shade Tree Enterprise, Shult Trucking Inc., and Red Oak Station
    ▪ MEDC Training – LeAnn received an email from the MEDC regarding potential training opportunities: 1) Brownfield Redevelopment Training and RAP Web Application Training.
      • LeAnn and Tina will review and possibility attend. There are Brownfield and RAP grants available and the training may assist in applying for these grants.

Adjournment – Roddy motioned; Chaney seconded – Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Rich Castle opened the Brownfield Board at 7:07pm with Chaney making the motion, seconded by Perez.

Old Business
  ▪ Luzerne Water Test Report
    o Roddy mentioned 10 businesses that have agreed to have their property tested for PFAS by EGLE. Ma Deeter’s test resulted in zero PFAS being found. Luzerne Gas Station results were not made available at this time.

New Business
  ▪ Rich made the EDC/Brownfield aware of a public notice from the MDNR regarding the proposed oil and gas auction for 32 parcels or 1,280 acres of land in Oscoda County.

Adjournment – Perez motioned; Roddy seconded – Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm