

Meeker Count Economic Development Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday September 12, 2019 @ 5:30 pm  
Meeker County Family Services Building in Suite 200

Present: Mike Housman, Chuck Lietzau, Dennis Loch, Mark Smith, Brent Bengtson, Joe Tacheny, Tim Benoit, County Administrator Paul Virning, Chris Loew & DSI Consultant Lisa Graphenteen

Absent: Mike Lokken, Mike Doering

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Mike Housman.

Public comment: no one present

M/S Loch/Benoit to approve the agenda Motion Carried

M/S Smith/Bengtson to approve the minutes for the July 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

M/S Benoit/Smith to approve the 2019 July & August financial summaries. Motion carried

M/S Smith/Benoit to approve proposed 2020 budget with corrections & revision of County Allocation from \$92,000 to \$25,000. After lots of discussion amongst board members Motion carried

There was also discussion regarding the new office location for the EDA and putting signage up at the new location.

DSI Consultant – Lisa Graphenteen topics of discussion with the board:

- the RLF monies are Federal Funds and there are different options/opportunities in how the board could possibly use these monies. She asked the board to think about these options and to come back with their thoughts for the November meeting.
- Talked about the results from the survey that was sent out per the housing task force committee to all City officials & councils, EDA boards, County commissioners to find out what each communities need are & what are they possibly looking for in housing. Also, if cities were interested in learning more about possible options that are available.
- Looking at doing an Opportunity Zone information session for this area, and that the speaker will also be available to do quiet meetings with possible investors before or after the session

Updates:

❖ Community –

- EV – A developer has been talking to them about putting up a townhome complex adjacent to our old ones. Jeff Gladys from United Community Action has talked with them doing a community block grant. The EDA did a Business Round table-biggest concerns were housing and business retainment.
- Darwin – the tavern has been sold, being remodeled and will be opening in 2020
- Dassel – Thirsty's was sold and in new hands. Sunrise diner looking to work w/someone to expand their business
- Cosmos – Cosmos Industries is looking to help Falcon Industries with expenses for repairs /maintenance on/ with their building
- Watkins – Hilltop has plans to put up 6 new units, the Grocery store has been sold
- LFD – talked to an owner – is interested in building but rents would have to go up in the current rentals. Mimi's closed downtown and Peter's will also be closing.

Misc. –

Admin Asst. Chris asked the board if they would give a \$500.00 donation to the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce to be used for a scholarship for Meeker In Motion participants.

M/S Smith/Lokken to approve donating \$500 to the LFD Chamber Commerce for scholarships for Meeker In Motion participants. But asked that the recipient of the scholarship give a report to the board to how the scholarship helped.

M/S Loch/Bengtson to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion Carried

These unapproved meeting minutes