

Meeker County Economic Development Authority  
Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
Thursday January 9, 2020 @ 5:30 pm  
Meeker County Highway Building Conference Room

Present: Tim Benoit, Chuck Lietzau, Mark Smith, Mike Doering, Dennis Loch, Mike Housman, Joe Tacheny, Mike Lokken, Chris Loew & DSI Consultant Lisa Graphenteen

Absent: Brent Bengtson

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

Public comment: no one present

M/S Benoit/Lokken to approve the amended agenda Motion Carried

M/S Loch/Smith to approve the minutes for the November 14, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

M/S Benoit/Tacheny to approve the November & December 2019 financial summaries. Motion carried

M/S Smith/Benoit to approve the MCIT insurance coverage payment. Motion Carried

M/S Benoit/Lokken to approve the Treasurer's Bond amount to be set at \$100,000. Motion carried

M/S Smith/Lokken to approve the 2020 Directors stipend to be set at \$70. Motion carried

M/S Smith/Loch to approve the list of depositories for EDA Funds which is also the same list the county uses. Motion Carried

M/S Lokken/Benoit to approve the Litchfield Independent Review as the EDA's official newspaper. Motion Carried.

M/S Smith/Tacheny to approve keeping the existing slate of officers, as listed below, for 2020. Motion carried.

President – Mike Housman  
Vice President – Mike Doering  
Treasurer – Tim Benoit  
Secretary – Chris Loew

Consultant/Director report – Lisa Graphenteen:

- o Working with a HVAC Company that recently combined from two separate companies and is now interested in refurbishing a building in Dassel for their new office location
- o A developer for the Watkins area submitted their application for a grant

- ❖ 2020 Workplan – Consultant Lisa Graphenteen went through the work plan her and Vince Robinson put together for the board to see the items they would be working on throughout the year.
  - After discussion amongst board members, the board was in agreement with DSI's 2020 Work Plan, but as a board, board member Mike Doering suggested that the board find 1 item they think they should focus on completing and start putting a plan together to move that item forward. The Board requested that Graphenteen assemble some information on housing role's for the EDA and to bring it to the next meeting.

Board members decided to table setting a date for the joint meeting with the County Commissioners until the March meeting.

#### UPDATES:

- ❖ Community –
  - Darwin – Darwin Tavern making progress on the remodel, despite being broken in to and tools being stolen
  - Dassel – Almond Auto Repair shop has opened in Ron's Standard Building in Dassel
  - Cosmos – is working on a project
  - Watkins – it's the hurry up and wait mode for developments that developers are trying to move forward on
  - LFD – Core Ice is moving forward to put a building up where they are currently located
  - Grove City – there's a little interest in the housing thing, but will have to wait see where it goes

#### Misc. –

- Chris distributed Conflict of Interest Forms to board members to fill out, sign and turn back in

M/S Loch/Benoit to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:21 pm. Motion Carried