

Meeker County Economic Development Authority
Annual Meeting
Thursday January 14, 2021 @ 5:30 pm
Via Zoom per COVID-19 restrictions

Present: Tim Benoit, Chuck Lietzau, Mark Smith, Mike Lokken, Brent Bengtson, Danny Schiefelbein, Steve Schmitt, Eric Holt Chris Loew & DSI Consultant Lisa Graphenteen

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Vice President Tim Benoit.

Public comment: no one present

M/S Holt/Bengtson to approve the agenda Motion Carried

M/S Smith/Lietzau to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried

M/S Bengtson/Holt to approve the November and December 2020 financial summaries. Motion carried.

M/S Holt/Lokken to approve the invoice for MCIT, EDA insurance. Motion Carried

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

M/S Smith/Schmitt to approve the directors stipend to be set at \$70.00. Motion carried

M/S Schmitt/Holt to approve the list of depositories for EDA funds. Motion Carried

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

M/S Bengtson/Lokken to approve the nomination for Steve Schmitt as the EDA President. Motion carried

M/S Smith/Holt to approve keeping the existing slate of officers as listed below for 2021. Motin carried

Vice President Tim Benoit
Treasurer – Brent Bengtson
Secretary – Chris Loew

UPDATES:

Housing Development Projects:

- Lumber One –
 - Potential purchase agreements on 2 of the homes

Community:

- * Darwin – Troubles is open
- * Dassel – new coffee shop on Hwy 12
- * GC – nothing new
- * LFD -various businesses looking for employee's -manufacturers/accounting firms
- * Eden Valley – Housing grant Ap has been submitted for D.Tysk project, new Farmers Merchants Bank building is up on Hwy 22, new addition at the Assumption Church is complete, UCAP is looking for lots

* Cosmos – pretty quiet

Consultant Graphenteen informed the board the County Commissioners granted the EDA to create the application and guidelines for the distribution of the Business Relief Grant money the county had received from the state. She also discussed the application and guidelines that will be used for these funds.

M/S Holt/Bengtson to approve the application and guidelines for the Meeker County Business Grant Assistance program. Motion carried

The board then set a the special meeting date for Thursday February 25 @ 4:00 pm to discuss and approve Meeker County Business Grant applications and amounts.

Board members agreed to have the Conflict of Interest forms emailed to them and would return via mail.

M/S Holt/Smith to approve adjourning the meeting at 6:28 pm. Motion Carried