

Meeker County Economic Development Authority
Annual Meeting
Thursday January 13, 2022 @ 5:30 pm
Meeker County/State Hwy Buidling Breakroom

Present: Tim Benoit, Chuck Lietzau, Mark Smith, Brent Bengtson, Danny Schiefelbein, Steve Schmitt, Joe Kuelchle, Chris Loew & DSI Consultant Lisa Graphenteen

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Steve Schmitt.

Absent: Mike Lokken, Eric Holt

Public comment: no one present

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

M/S Smith/Bengtson to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2021 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried

M/S Benoit/Kuechle to approve the November and December 2021 financial summaries. Motion carried.

M/S Smith/Benoit to approve the invoice of \$2130.00 for MCIT Insurance coverage. Motion Carried

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

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

M/S Lietzau/Bengtson to approve the list of depositories for EDA funds. Motion Carried

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

M/S Smith/Scheifelbein to approve keeping the existing slate of officers as listed below for 2022. Motion carried

President – Steve Schmitt
Vice President - Tim Benoit
Treasurer – Brent Bengtson
Secretary – Chris Loew

UPDATES:

Economic Development:

- ❖ Consultant Graphenteen updated the board on the meetings she has been attending and housing development projects. She also informed the Board a presentation was made to area businesses on our childcare initiative.
- ❖ We have been working with three new businesses looking to open or expand in Meeker County.
- ❖ Consultant Graphenteen talked about the EDA possibly helping out with the Downtown Revitaliztion Funds Litchfield is receiving. They will be more details to come.

Community:

- * Darwin – thriving – bars/restaurants doing well

- * Eden Valley – BI building sold, EDA /Planning commission/city is working on putting together a strategic plan
- * Cosmos – Cosmos Industries working w/Falcon Industries to put air conditioning in their building, they are looking to do streets in town, the Lietzau taxidermy building is 85% complete
- * Dassel – nothing to exciting
- * Watkins – had an offer on the Glenshire townhome land

M/S Bengtson/Smith to approve adjourning the meeting at 6:09 pm. Motion Carried

Repectfully submitted by
Chris Loew, Secretary