

VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016 – 8:10 A.M.
Council Chambers (Second Floor), Virginia City Hall

Members Present: Jim Tieberg, Michael Miskovich, Julianne Paulsen, Dennis Jorgensen, Kim Culbert-Blaeser (5)

Others Present: Pamela LaBine, Wendy Summers, Kris Johnson, Bernie Collins, Joe Guertin

I. Minutes Approval (December 3, 2015)

Moved by Culbert-Blaeser, supported by Jorgensen to approve the minutes from Dec 3, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried

II. Finance Reports

1. Check Register-no bills to pay, received a check for \$567.00 from LMC for dividends. Loans received: Paulsen's are up to date, Aszendrops have paid, but are still three months behind, Grooming by Jane is behind, and Custom Framing will be paid in January.

Discussion on how to keep people current: suggested sending out monthly invoices and or statements. Kris Johnson will contact the businesses and let them know they are behind

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Paulsen to approve the financial reports. Motion Carried

2. Budget Appropriation Report-no discussion

III. President's Report:

Jim Tieberg updated the group regarding Mr. Tourville and the possibility of him leaving; it will be a huge void for the city and the VEDA board.

There is a lot of activity with Kiewit and Sons; they are definitely making an impact on the economy. The City is short about \$3million on utility relocation. Seeking bonding money to meet the payment schedule.

Joy Global had some layoffs, but are still moving the material for future expansion.

The Christmas season was very busy; according the Julianne Paulsen, White Drug has had some draw.

Polymet is still moving ahead, over 30,000 comments; hope to start construction late 2016.

Investors still in support even though market is depressed.

IV. New Business

1. Appointment to VEEDA-Jorgensen will replace Tourville; Paulsen will be the alternate on the VEEDA board P need an alternate. Jorgensen will check to see if Marwick is still eligible as he is no longer a VEDA member

a. Officer Nominations for President:

Moved by Tieberg to nominate Paulsen as president of VEDA for 2016. Motion Carried

- b. Office Nominations for Vice President-
Moved by Tieberg to appoint Miskovich as VP of VEDA for 2016. Motion Carried
- c. Office of Secretary/Treasurer
Moved by Paulsen to appoint Tieberg as Secretary/Treasurer of VEDA for 2016. Motion Carried

1. Review RBEG loan application: discussed the rule for being on a board, as per USDA rules, Culbert-Blaeser is not eligible to be on two boards with the USDA rules and regulation. Patricia Monacelli, gave an update on the Apple Tree Daycare, she discussed loans and the fundraising opportunities, and how the accounting system works. The committee has reviewed the tax returns for the three years, and noted that they have lost money; they also discussed the negative checking account balance.

Monacelli noted the center has not been maintained and the loan would go directly for maintenance and upgrades to the building. She is also looking at more grant applications. Right now it is not mandatory to reserve and pay for a time slot, but they are looking into that and will be adding in the future.

One question asked is will the proposed loan help to stay in business? Monacelli said it will help with the equality of the environment.

Note: the name of the applicant is Iron Range Learning & Development Center

Moved by Jorgensen supported by Miskovich to approve a \$30,000.00 loan to Iron Range Learning & Development Center pending the paperwork and that the information is given on the fees involved.

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Miskovich to rescind the previous motion. Motion Carried

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Paulsen to approve the resignation of Kim Culbert-Blaeser as of January, 7, 2016. Motion Carried

John Tourville entered the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

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V. Old Business/Updates

1. VEEDA –DNR is hiring an employee to log off property by Borgan road, to make property presentable for prospective developers.

- a. Lundgren Motors is not continuing with their business plan.
- b. City update: Jorgensen updated on the development agreement by a potential developer in the Midway area roughly \$10m dollars
- c. The city sent a letter to the IRRRB in support of the Natural Harvest project

- d. Paulson noted that Don Ness and has started a consulting firm for Economic development. He has expressed interest in helping with the downtown area. VEDA will invite him to the next meeting.

VI. Information & Other – FYI

1. Letter from Virginia Public Schools regarding their Comprehensive Plan: discussed the letter and how the district is growing

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Paulsen to send a letter to school in response to their survey. Motion Carried

VII. Adjournment:

Moved by Paulsen, supported by Jorgensen to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. Motion Carried

The next meeting will be February 4, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Cc: VEDA Members
John Tourville, City Administrator
Sherry Erickson, Finance/Human Resources Director
Pamela LaBine, City Clerk
Wendy Summers, Accounting Clerk