

WAEDA Monthly Meeting
January 19, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Washburn Area Economic Development Association was called to order by President Donna Sommer. Board members in attendance were Wendy, Newly, Mike, Luke along with Milissa and Joan. Jane and Miles absent.

The minutes from the November WAEDA meeting were MSC Newly, Mike
The financial report was MSC, Mike, Newly

Taste of Washburn was discussed. The event is taking place on January 30th, at the Washburn Memorial Building, 5:00-7:30 p.m. Newly and his wife will help take money at the door and Mike will help. WAEDA will also be responsible for water and coffee at the event.

David Borlaug presented to the Board information on the new twin homes on Northgate. These units will be ready by spring. He and his business partner, Rick Berg are currently in the process selling the units, setting up condo fee, etc. His company building more units is dependent upon the selling success of the current 4 that he has.

David also gave information on the Foundation. LCFMF had 25,000 visitors this last year. The Center will see a \$2 million expansion starting this spring, with the starting date currently May 1st, 2010.

The Northern Plains Heritage Area is moving forward with plans and will be giving out matching grants to communities for economic development.

Discussion was held on the assignment of portfolios to Board Members. Portfolios would be financial, fundraising, events, membership, new businesses/existing business retention, along with participation in city and one cent sales, housing and business incentives.

Board members discussed reducing the number of board members. The question was raised whether to remain at a 7 person board or to reduce to a 5 member board. The decision was made for Luke to remain unless another person is found to replace him.

The Annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21st. noon at the Memorial Building. Captain's Cabin is catering Chili with Joan and Milissa bring corn bread and bars. We will plan for 40 people. Milissa will give updates on past and future endeavors for the group; Newly will speak on the new homes being built at Wagon Wheel.

Donna presented a new article for the By-laws concerning the Washburn Area Progress Fund. Various changes were made to the draft, geared towards economic development. Donna will make the proposed changes and then voting on the changes can take place. MSC Luke/ Wendy to accept proposed article 12 to the WAEDA Bylaws.

(2) Housing Incentive Packages were presented for approval, (2) were approved. MSC Mike/Newly. A request for information on the housing incentives was received from Brady Degenstein. The Board of Directors requested that Milissa get in touch with Mr. Degenstein and encourage him to apply so formal discussion/decision can be made.

Tax incentives for the county were questioned. Milissa will check on the votes from the County Commission.

The next meeting of the Washburn Area Economic Development Association is scheduled for February 9th, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

MSC to adjourn, Luke, Newly

Submitted by
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