

**Washburn Area Economic Development Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 18, 2010**

**Present:** Board Members Donna Sommer, Luke Retterath, Mike Nelson, Wendy Spencer. Economic Development Director Karen Hansen. Also present Bill Patrie with Common Enterprise Development Corporation, Milissa Price and Claudia Scott.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Donna Sommer.

**Introductions** were made. Claudia Scott gave a brief introduction. She and her husband have purchased Roehrich's Hardware Store. The new store will be named Scott's Hardware.

**The minutes from the September meeting** were reviewed. One correction was that the meeting times will remain at 5:30 even though the dates have changed. Luke moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement was reviewed-** Wendy moved to accept the financial report. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Discussed the Vision Statement** with Bill. Will try to line up a meeting to introduce it and Karen to the public.

**Rural Business Enterprise Grants** – Karen had some questions on the program. Bill reviewed with us. Mostly used to set up/capitalize Revolving Loan Pools. Something we could look at using in the future.

**Use of 1% Sales Tax to assist businesses with signage/advertising** – Karen brought up that some people looking at business relocation had asked about this. It would probably be something the business would request from the sales tax committee themselves.

**Renaissance Zone** – Karen will be our representative on the board.

**New Businesses** – Karen updated the board on some contacts she has had with potential new businesses.

**New Business Incentive Package** – Karen will work on a proposal for a package. She will research what some other communities are doing.

**4-H Conference Center** – Discussed the plans for the expansion of the Western 4-H Camp

**Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center** – Wendy discussed expansion plans  
Next meeting will be Monday November 15, 2010 at 5:30 at the Washburn City Hall.

There being no further business, Luke moved to adjourn the meeting and Wendy seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Donna Sommer*