Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, June 12, 2019

Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m. Open meeting laws noted.

Members Present: Tom Shoemaker, Darcy Johnson, Randy Heitman, Derek Downer, Dave Custer, Judy Jackson, Jarod Albers

Members Absent: Jan tenBensel, Logan Baker

Others Present: Monica Lueking, Dave Gunderson, Melissa Jackson

Agenda Corrections or Additions: Added “Supporting Existing Businesses.” Noted that Zach Nielsen application is not in the Board packet as he is outside of the city limits.

Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills: Motion to approve the Minutes and Bills as read was made by Judy Jackson, seconded by Darcy Johnson. Motion carried.

New Business:
Monica Lueking gave a Director’s report to the Board.

Discussion was held on the Down Payment Assistance Program. The need to review and audit the program’s financial reports was identified. Derek Downer and Darcy Johnson will conduct this review.

Discussion was held on the Zach Nielsen Down Payment Assistance application. The home does not qualify because it is not within city limits.

The downtown lighting project was discussed. The City requested that Economic Development pay $108,900 for this downtown improvement. The next city council meeting is June 17. Economic Development will determine where funding can come from and notify the city by then.

Discussion was held on the joint housing project with McCook and Binkelman.

H2O can print a new park sign. Dave Custer spoke with Ken Cobb regarding a sign at Trail 4 at Medicine Creek Reservoir. A motion was made by Darcy Johnson, seconded by Dave Custer, to move forward with printing the signs. Motion carried.

Supporting Existing Businesses
It was shared that there is a Downtown Construction Informational meeting on June 20 from 7-8:30 pm. Construction is estimated to begin the week of July 8.
Discussion was held on the new horse arena. The park foundation has agreed to fund it at the level of $10,000. A motion was made by Randy Heitman, seconded by Jarod Albers, to complete the originally requested funding at $6,000. Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.