

Cedar County Economic Development Commission
June 9, 2015
5:30 PM
Cedar County Extension Office
Meeting Minutes

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Greg Wagner, Jon Bell, Pat Hasenbank, Doug Beland,
Adam Sandberg, Pam Spear

Staff Present: Rod Ness, Lisa Decker

Guests: Sue Hall, Annette Shipley

Chair Greg Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Consent Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval

- Doug Beland made a motion, seconded by Jon Bell to approve the agenda, minutes, bills, and finance reports. Motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business

- None

New Business

- CCEDCO received a letter from the lawyer for the Clarence Industrial Park. He is asking for the Executive Director's signature for the Consent to Final Plat. They possibly have some property sold in the park, and since they still have a small outstanding balance from two loans with CCEDCO, they need his signature. Jon Bell made a motion, seconded by Adam Sandberg, to approve signing the consent.
- The Extension Office meeting room will not be available for CCEDCO to hold their July meeting. The Office Manager will announce an alternative meeting place later in the month.
- The Executive Director gave a summary of the final presentation from the ISU students on their Retail Initiative projects. He has copies for each business and electronic versions if anybody is interested in seeing it. He felt there was a lot of positive feedback from the businesses.
- The Executive Director gave a presentation on the HERE campaign to be launched this summer. Its purpose is to shop local/support local businesses. Window clings and stickers will be available to show support of what Cedar County has to offer. Advertising will be in local newspapers. A website, Facebook and Twitter page will be part of the campaign. He hopes it will draw people to growcedar.com and publicize events in the communities. He would also like to host a one-day conference and build on community development. Jon Bell commented he would like to see some of this information introduced at the high school level. Maybe some students could attend CCEDCO meetings and get involved.

Executive Director's Report

- No additional information has yet been received on the RFP for Distribution Warehouse. A request for a location on Highway 30 was received for a site for possible storage/warehouse. In addition, there has been some interest in a location in western Cedar County for a beverage start-up business.
- He attended meetings for Durant Chamber, TEDCO, Durant Economic Development, and Mechanicsville City Council.
- Next City Clerk's Lunch is Thursday, June 25th at Ditto's in Stanwood.

City Reports

- Annette Shipley from ISU Extension – The ISU Extension Vice President will be visiting the Cedar County office on Thursday, June 18th at 10:00 AM.
- Mechanicsville/Clarence – Both reported they are working on their streets.
- Cedar County Supervisors (Jon Bell) – The County received a patching bid under budget. Money is coming in from the gas tax increase. River bridge patching needs to be done.
- Durant – The town is putting in a storm sewer and working on streets. They are preparing for RAGBRI coming through on Saturday, July 25th. A new police chief was hired.
- Tipton – They are working on streets and sewers. They received applications for the TEDCO Director position. They hope to start interviewing next week. The airport project is moving forward. Final touches are being made for Tipton's 175th Celebration. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new business in Tipton.
- Stanwood – Modifications are being done on a maintenance pump. A benefit street dance and 5K run is for July 18th. A representative of the Senior Dining program attended a council meeting and they are looking for donations and volunteers. This is a very important program provided for residents, run by volunteers, so please consider helping them out.

Announcements

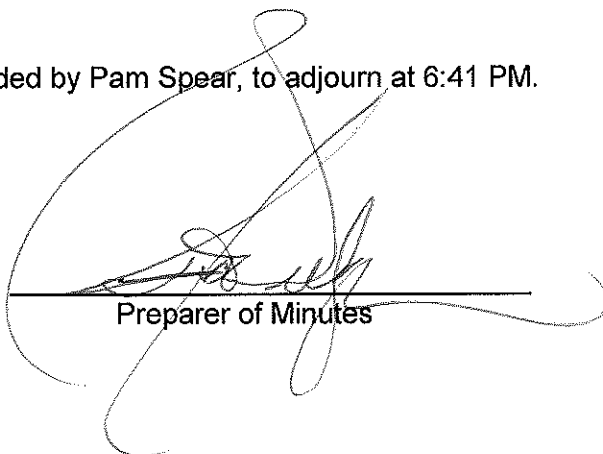
- Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 14th at a location to be determined.

Adjourn

- With no further business, Jon Bell motioned, seconded by Pam Spear, to adjourn at 6:41 PM.



Board Chair



Preparer of Minutes