

CCJDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 9, 2014

(Postponed from regular meeting date of April 2, 2014)

The Cavalier County Job Development Authority Board of Directors met at the Langdon NDSU Research Extension Center at 4:00 p.m. with Chairperson Susan Fay Crockett presiding. Board members in attendance included Randy Mehlhoff, Duane Otto, Jim Rademacher, Lawrence Henry, Todd Borchardt, Mike Granlund, Clint Eskilsen, Tom Lehar and Mark Busse. Also in attendance were Shannon Duerr, Executive Director, and Carol Goodman, Primary Sector Development.

The minutes of the March, 2014, board meeting were reviewed. Duane made a motion to approve, second by Mike, motion carried. The minutes had been sent to the board electronically in advance of this meeting. Shannon reviewed the March, 2014, financial report. There is \$123,047.57 available in the Langdon City Sales Tax Economic Development Fund. Randy moved to accept the financial report, second by Todd, motion carried.

Under **Office Reports**, Carol briefly explained the concept of “dark fiber,” which is unused capacity already in the existing fiber optic cable infrastructure. The amount of the unused cable in the U.S. is very high, due to the enormous build-out of fiber in the 1990’s by telecommunications companies. Allied Fiber is attempting to buy up capacity for their project to create a telecommunications line across the entire northern part of the country.

Reports from around the County - Tom L. was asked about the situation with the railroads where oil is dominating rail service, particularly for fertilizer for farming. Tom said that CHS and others who depend on rail are trying to work through the problem. It is possible that a set of parallel rail lines will be built—two going east and two going west.

The minutes, financials and office reports are on file in the CCJDA Office.

Old Business:

Shannon reviewed the results of the workforce survey. **Report on File.**

The board discussed the retention of dental services in the community, primarily the possibility of purchasing the existing equipment. Dr. Shelby has asked for an answer by May 1. Issues related to a purchase include cost to insure, depreciation, how to finance and how to get an accurate inventory and an appraisal in the time we have. Shannon and Carol were instructed to continue to get answers to questions and stay in touch with the board.

New Business:

Shannon presented the annual \$1,500 funding request for support for the Small Business Development Center. Mike moved to approve the request, second by Duane, motion carried.

Paul Chilcoat has requested a restructuring on his loan from the RBEG fund. He is several months behind and the outstanding amount of the loan is \$12,500. Shannon is to see if he can make a lump sum payment at this point, and so the request for restructuring was tabled.

Shannon asked for approval for a membership with the Central North America Trade Corridor Association,

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which is \$250 annually. After attending Trade and Transportation Summit, she feels it would be a good resource for CCJDA. Tom L. moved to approve, second by Randy, motion carried.

Randy reviewed the NDSU UAS Road Map for precision ag and UAS development. ***Board members have copies and copies are on file in the office.***

Shannon will be attending the ND Tourism conference in Fargo April 15-16, and Carol will be attending the Governor's Business Forum in Grand Forks April 15.

Board meetings will move to the summer schedule starting in May---7:30 a.m., May 7, Langdon NDSU Research Extension Center.

No further business, motion adjourned.

Susan Fay Crockett, Chairperson

Carol Goodman, Recorder