

CAVALIER COUNTY JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2011

The Cavalier County Job Development Authority Board of Directors met Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 a.m. at the Langdon NDSU Research Extension Center with Chairman Don Haugen presiding. The meeting was re-scheduled from the first Wednesday of the month due to office scheduling conflicts. Board members in attendance included John Delebo, Mark Zimmer, Brent Zavalney, Dennis Flaten, Rich Rogers, Richard Flanders, Randy Mehlhoff, Duane Otto, Clint Eskilsen, Dennis Thronset, and Susan Fay Crockett. Executive Director Carol Goodman and Strategic Plan Coordinator Shannon Duerr were also in attendance.

There was one addition to the agenda: A request from Lance Schill to consider vacating a portion of 12th Avenue should CCJDA approve a transfer of Lots 1 & 2, Block 6, to him. Referred to new business.

The minutes of the April meeting were sent electronically prior to the meeting. There were no additions or corrections, motion by Duane to approve, second by Dennis T., motion carried. The April financial reports were reviewed. Staff continues to work with the Tropic Heat and Photo Shop issues. Motion by Randy to accept the report, second by Rich R., motion carried. The office report was sent electronically, no changes except to add a project to the Renaissance Zone approvals, the purchase of the former 3rd St. Farmers Union Oil Building by Dan Fischer. **All reports on file in the office.**

Old Business:

Cavalier County State's Attorney Scott Stewart had received a phone call from an attorney in California representing ProducePoint (Datatic), but not as counsel on CCJDA's suit to recover the loan funds. He asked if CCJDA would be willing to drop our claim for 30 days so it wouldn't interfere with fund-raising for current ProducePoint activities. Scott informed him we probably wouldn't be in favor of doing so.

Carol reviewed the SRMSC Rapid Conceptualization "charrette" and the ND Airspace Access Initiative Strategic Planning sessions that took place in Grand Forks May 3-6. Several CCJDA board members were able to participate in the charrette, and we should have materials back from URS Corp by the end of the month. New ideas that came forward during the charrette included 1) potential for SRMSC to become a Federal Landmark, a historical level we hadn't previously considered, 2) various orientations for the eventual runways, 3) endless potential for connections to Cold War history, i.e. Russia. The Airspace session resulted in a "white paper" promoting ND as a prime location for research leading to integration of UAV's into the National Airspace. All session attendees signed the white paper in support. Rich F. asked how the crop spraying and small aircraft concerns were going to be address. Carol reported that by getting ND designated as one of the FAA test bed sites and by working with ND Aeronautical Commission, we would be at the leading edge of getting those concerns researched and resolved.

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New Business:

Shannon reviewed the updates on the Strategic Plan Benchmark Report which shows \$415,269,366.17 invested in projects county-wide since 2001. Carol noted that \$250M is connected to the Langdon Wind, LLC, project, but there has been significant progress in Cavalier County in the last decade. She also commended Shannon for the work involved in keeping the report up-to-date.

In order to move a long-standing project along, the office had requested an estimate for the development of the Boyd Block lot from Hepper-Olson Architects. There is community support for using the lot as an events area, i.e. Music Fest, street festivals and arts/music programs. If we are to complete the work by 2013, Langdon's 125th Celebration, we need a design that can be used for grant applications and fund raising this year, followed by construction in 2012. The estimate for design and cost estimates for the project is \$3,500. There was discussion on whether this project should be under CCJDA. Carol mentioned that the City, Chamber and other community members are on the project committee, and that we would help facilitate, not necessarily be in charge of the project. Also, the project fits with tourism and general community development. Dennis F. moved to approve the \$3,500 from the economic development portion of the Langdon City Sales Tax, second by Dennis T., motion carried with one no vote.

The Roxy Movie Theater is beginning a fund raising effort to purchase digital projection equipment. Board members expressed support for the project since it is a key element of the community. CCJDA will help where needed on grant applications and letters of support. Chairman Don will give us an update at the June meeting.

Shannon will be representing CCJDA/Devils Lake Region Partnership at the Experience ND Event in Minneapolis May 12-13. URS Corp has been invited to attend.

Discussion was held to consider Lance Schills' request to vacate a portion of 12th Avenue in the Industrial Park in the event that lots in Block 6 would be deeded to him. The board tabled the discussion until a later date, with general consensus that they were reluctant to start changing the plat that was filed in 2001.

No further business, meeting adjourned.



Don Haugen, Chrm.



Carol Goodman, Recorder