

Menno Area Development Corporation
November 21, 2017

December's Reason to "Shop at Home": Develop a community project to encourage shopping locally such as a customer appreciation event.

The Menno Area Development Corporation met for its regular monthly meeting November 21, 2017, at the Beer Garden with the following present: Bill Headley, Judy Headley, Brent Haberman, Rita Hoff, Donna Zeeb, Teresa Anderson, Brenda Schulte, Glenn Kirschenman, Bruce Anderson, Marsha Schelske, Henry Bender, Jerome Hoff, Charlene Crosswait, Jeremy Zeeb and Lisa Edelman.

President Haberman called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

Schelske moved to approve the agenda. J. Headley seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Bender moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting. T. Anderson seconded the motion. All votes aye.

T. Anderson moved to approve the finance report. Bender seconded the motion. All votes aye.

SEFP REPORT: Schulte went over her monthly report with the group. The career fair will be in Parker this year and if anyone wants to help with interviewing students at the fair, please let Brenda know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Vendor Blender: T. Anderson updated the group on the event. All the booths were sold this year with a waiting list. She thanked all the helpers involved in the event. Next year's event will be November 3, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS: Welcome packet: A letter was sent out to all businesses to find out what information they wanted included in the packet. Many businesses did not return the letter, so the finance office will start contacting them to get the information that is needed to complete the packet.

5 year plan ideas: Haberman asked if anyone has come up with any ideas for the direction of the development group. No responses were received.

NEW BUSINESS: Tri-plex loan: As soon as the paperwork is complete, the loan will be in place.

Drainage ditch plat: The paperwork has been completed to purchase additional land for the drainage ditch along the east side of Sunrise Acres. The additional cost is \$5032.30. There were piles of dirt put on top of the crop that was in the field when the ditch was put in. Bender moved to adjust the 2018 rent for Steve Saylor for damages from putting in the drainage ditch in 2017. Kirschenman seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Walking path: Edelman informed the group that cost estimates, letters of support, an easement and resolution would be needed to apply for the Land & Water Conservation Fund in December of this year. Eric Ambrosion from Planning & Development District III suggested waiting until April 2018 to apply for the Recreational Trails grant program which could pay up to 80% of the project instead of the 50% for the Land & Water grant. It was recommended waiting for the grant in April 2018.

It was suggested that the sunrise acres lots be listed as for sale on the City website.

The next meeting will be December 19, 2017 at 12:00 noon at Rooster's. Bender moved to have every development meeting at an establishment with a private meeting room. Kirschenman seconded the motion. All votes aye.

J. Zeeb moved to adjourn at 12:48 p.m. Kirschenman seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Edelman, Secretary