

Menno Area Development Corporation  
May 17, 2016

**May's Reason to "Shop at Home":** *Rural By Choice* – Why did you choose to live here? What keeps you? Locally owned businesses help give Your community a one-of-a-kind personality. Are you "Rural By Choice?"

The Menno Area Development Corporation met for their regular meeting on May 17, 2016 at the Open Door Café with the following present: Bill Headley, Bruce Anderson, Daryl Miller, Chris Christensen, Brent Haberman, Brenda Schulte, Peggy Thranum, Lisa Edelman, Arlene Bertsch, Judy Headley, David Bender, Mickey Harris, Ed Auch, Ken Bertsch, Shannon Herrboldt, Marsha Schelske, Brendon Hansen, Rachel Guthmiller and Teresa Anderson.

President Brent Haberman called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

Harris moved to approve the agenda as presented. K. Bertsch seconded the motion. All votes aye.

J. Headley moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting. Christensen seconded the motion. All votes aye.

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

**SEFP REPORT:** Schulte went over her monthly report with the group. She reported on some information she received regarding a housing study.

**OLD BUSINESS: Walking Trail:** Harris reported that the site inspection was completed and a decision on the grant application will be made in July.

**Housing:** Haberman reported he will be meeting with Parker contractor Robb Jensen next Wednesday.

**Vendor-Blender:** Teresa Anderson has moved the event to the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November because of the hunting season. She is still looking for help with the advertising.

**NEW BUSINESS: Lake Menno:** Dave Bender reported that the Lake Menno organization is applying for a grant with the Game, Fish & Parks to build a handicap fishing dock. He said the cost of the project would be approximately \$20,000. The Lake Menno organization has enough funds to pay their share of the cost, but at this time they are asking the development corporation for an endorsement on the grant application. Harris moved to endorse the grant application for a handicap fishing dock at Lake Menno. T. Anderson seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Menno Food Market:** Dave Bender informed the group that the grocery store has been sold to Jeff Nielsen. He said any excess funds remaining after shares are paid out will go to the development corporation as well as the lots on Hwy 18.

**Engineer:** Haberman said he spoke to a contractor regarding the improvement of Sunrise Acres. The contractor informed him that he wouldn't give a bid without an engineering study which would include a soil sample and drainage assessment. K. Bertsch moved to obtain a loan if necessary and move forward with an engineering study of Sunrise Acres. Anderson seconded the motion. All votes aye.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting on June 21 at 12:00 noon at the Open Door Café.

Herrboldt moved to adjourn at 12:44 p.m. Christensen seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Edelman, Secretary