

Menno Area Development Corporation  
August 15, 2017

September's Reason to "Shop at Home": Personal Connection – getting to know the store owners is a great reason to shop local. It is their business, they are the decision-makers and they build a personal relationship with their customers.

The Menno Area Development Corporation met for its regular monthly meeting August 15, 2017, at Rooster's with the following present: Bill Headley, Arlene Bertsch, Ken Stepanek, Charlene Crosswait, Dale Weiss, Joan Nusz, Jerry Nusz, Shannon Herrboldt, Brent Haberman, Teresa Anderson, Rita Bierle, Marsha Schelske, Brenda Schulte, Ken Bertsch, Cindy Herrboldt, Jeremy Zeeb, Brendon Hansen, Lisa Edelman and Joe Fiala (SD Research and Community Development Director).

President Haberman called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Mr Fiala, director for research and community development spoke about how he can help with development in the community. He met with the development board and mayor prior to this meeting and will continue to be in contact with them for future needs.

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

Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting. Zeeb seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Stepanek moved to approve the finance report. Zeeb seconded the motion. All votes aye.

SEFP REPORT: Schulte went over her monthly report with the group. She informed the group that there is an individual looking for a building in Menno to start up a business.

OLD BUSINESS: Apartments: Haberman informed the group that the business plan is complete and has been presented to a private investor. He is waiting to hear back from them. This project would not be able to be funded by the development corporation without investors.

Drainage Ditch: An agreement has been signed to purchase enough property to run the drainage ditch along the east edge of Sunrise Acres so lots or lot size will not be affected by the ditch. The property is being appraised to determine the value of the land that needs to be purchased. The ditch is complete and grass will be seeded this fall. Ken Bertsch will contact a surveyor to determine how many extra acres were used for the ditch and to determine the legal description for the land transfer.

NEW BUSINESS: Townhouse Investment: Mark Guthmiller approached the development board asking for financial assistance in building 3 townhouses on Heil Street. It was recommended that the development corporation loan the money instead of invest in the project. K. Bertsch moved to approve loaning \$75,000 to Mark Guthmiller at 3% interest. Weiss seconded the motion. Ballot vote: 17 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

The next meeting will be September 19, 2017 at 12:00 noon at Rooster's.

Schelske moved to adjourn at 12:46 p.m. C. Herrboldt seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Edelman, Secretary