

MINUTES

Delta Area Development, Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2009
12:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Orchard City, CO and was called to order by President Kelly Cox at 12:00 p.m. Those present were Board Members Rick Saxton (Office Furniture & Design Center), Matt Brezonick (JeHN Engineering), Brad Harding (First Colorado National Bank), Dawn Conrad (US Bank), Ryan Ellington (Alpine Bank), and Terry Osborne (First State Bank of Delta).

Ex-Officio present were: Katie Sickles (Town of Cedaredge), Mary Cooper (City of Delta), Wayne Wolf (Delta County Commissioner), and David Varley (Town of Orchard City).

Also present were Deana Sheriff, Executive Director, and Kristin Amundson, Executive Assistant.

There were guests present: Mike Smith (Diversified Innovative Products Co), Paul Van Ryzin (Painted Sky RC&D), Richard Harding (Painted Sky RC&D), Gene Welch (Mayor Pro-tem Cedaredge, Tri-R-Motel), and Jennifer Eiler (SOS Staffing).

After introductions, Kelly welcomed everyone to the DADI Board Meeting.

Quorum of Board, Notice of Board Meeting

President Kelly Cox declared that a quorum was present. He stated the meeting notice was distributed to the Board of Directors at least three days prior to this meeting.

Request for Changes to Agenda

Kelly asked for any commentary or corrections to the minutes as set forth in the Board Packet; being none, the minutes were approved and seconded.

Financial Report

Deana stated that there was a budget error for November. \$20,000 was not supposed to be budgeted for that month. She pointed out the attached reports stating the financials of the Delta County Senior Resource Council and the Grand Mesa Water Task Force, in which DADI administers these funds only. Deana motioned for approval and opened the floor for any questions or comments. Being none, Terry Osborne motioned for approval, and Kelly Cox seconded.

Executive Director Report

Deana stated that things have been pretty active for the first of the year at the DADI office.

A company from West Virginia, an adjunct company to Phillips Machine is looking at the area. They are an electrical product company and would hire up to 10 employees in the first year, and up to 25 in the second year. Average wages would include \$15/hour and up, as well as 100% coverage of medical, dental and vision etc... This prospect is a result of the Mine Expo! They should have a decision made in 30 days and are looking at Delta and Wyoming.

___Chaco- At the moment Chaco is officially closed. DADI is trying everything to think of ways to utilize the existing building and employees. One prospect for the building is a solar panel manufacturing business which is only considering this building. There will be upcoming meetings to discuss this possibility.

___Chazco Retail Center- The Delta County Treasurer's office notified DADI of the foreclosure of this property. The Retail Center will not be going up. A local contractor is working with Papa Murphy's to get their business in a new location, as they are still interested in a location in Delta.

___Ag Incubator- This project is moving forward. There is an upcoming grant application to assist with the process. These individuals are interested in funding their own community kitchen as well.

___Artist Incubator- Kessler Fabrication and Design is the group behind the idea for this project, and are offering to consolidate their large building in Paonia to house this incubator. There is already an interest from a company who designs door hardware in Aspen, who is ready to make the move to Paonia. The word is also spreading to other interested artists in the Aspen area.

___Co-gen renewable energy facility- Working on looking at which properties might be a good fit and accessible to high energy lines. There are identified investors in the project, and the USDA can offer funding through Rural Development Grants. The facility could be set-up to turn algae into biodiesel, work with burning and digesting fibrous feedstock etc...

Community Development

The Columbine Senior Services is looking for an individual company to take over operations in the spring. Many agencies are exploring the possibility of taking over operations or brainstorming who might be able to take over. This is a service that cannot be lost!

Committee Reports

Town of Crawford—Jim Crook

Absent from this meeting

Town of Cedaredge—Katie Sickles

The town is working on the community assessment draft action plan, refining it and figuring out which ways to move forward. There is a work session held for anyone who is interested to bring ideas to the table for projects they'd like to see completed.

Cedaredge Chamber of Commerce—Carol Ferner

Absent from this meeting.

City of Delta—Mary Cooper

Received a wastewater survey from MEAN and DMEA. The Chamber of Commerce is now going to be the Greyhound Bus Station. They will distribute tickets etc... The City had a meeting with Region 10 regarding the closing of Columbine Senior Services to discuss solutions.

Delta Area Chamber of Commerce—Tj Davis

Absent from this meeting.

Delta County Commissioner—Wayne Wolf

Wayne thanked everyone for all the support over the years, and was glad to attend his last DADI meeting as a County Commissioner.

Delta County Memorial Hospital—Tom Mingen

Absent from this meeting

Delta County School District—John Jones

Absent from this meeting

Delta/Montrose Technical College—Sheryl Williams

Absent from this meeting.

Town of Hotchkiss—Larry Jakubiak

Absent from this meeting.

Town of Orchard City—David Varley

The City will do the final walk-through of the public restrooms at the park. They are gearing up to discuss construction bids, seeing if this is the right time to look into projects or put them on hold.

Kristin's Report

We are busy updating databases and keeping everything current. The Website is ready to go, just need to work through the kinks on getting it on the web!

General meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Having no information to extend to the Board of Directors, Deana Sheriff, Executive Director requested adjournment. No minutes were taken for this meeting.

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Brezonick, Secretary/Treasurer