

Prairie City

Economic Development Commission  
Wednesday, June 10, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 12:22 p.m. at Uptown Restaurant & Lounge

Roll Call: Marge Tynan, Chaz Allen, Manny Toribio, Mayor Chad Alleger, Katherine McClure, Melissa Mindham

Approval of Agenda and Minutes. Motion to approve agenda and minutes made by Katherine McClure, seconded by Marge Tynan. All in favor. Motion passed.

JEDCO Update.

Beck's Hybrid Seed Corn. Bought 80 acres for test plots. Chaz encouraged them to build a seed distribution and retail center. Annexation with Colfax in the works. 50 jobs.

Prospect for a water treatment plan for Newton. Would remove nitrogen from the water before it gets into towns. Could possibly help Des Moines waterworks settle out of court their dispute with northern counties.

Old Business:

Trail Steering Committee. All ground work is done. Removing railway ties from roads now. In communication with Iowa Interstate to purchase land. Need second half of funding this fiscal year. Heritage Foundation buys land and then we pay them back. Keep Iowa Beautiful grant for a trail head possible.

Some farmers are already trying to farm over the land. Photographing and issuing cease and desist letters.

New Business:

Corn Feed. August 8, 2015.

Keep Iowa Beautiful meeting last month. 4th Monday of the month except this month it is the 29th at 6:00pm at City Hall. 90 Minutes. Brainstormed for direction. Trail, revitalization of downtown, marketing the town as a whole. (Email PCBA about the next meeting -Lyle Burkett, Andrea Engle, and Chad Alleger on committee). Awnings lights and benches.

Jeff Davison, hometown pride coach for 11 cities in Jasper County, is doing a great job grant writing.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at noon at Uptown.

Discussion Items:

Casey's is expanding. Adding a deli. City Inspector is looking over plans.

Wilkey's opened on Sunday.

Ribbon Cutting. Would like to encourage collaboration between PCBA and EDC. Who has the big scissors and ribbon? Who could purchase?

Meeting Adjourned at 12:59 p.m.