

Prairie City Economic Development Commission
Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Call to Order at 12:06 p.m. at Uptown Restaurant & Lounge

Roll Call: Katherine McClure, Mike Buitenwerf, Manny Toribio, Marge Tynan, Chaz Allen, Chad Alleger, Jeff Davidson (Hometown Pride Community Coach- Jasper County with Keep Iowa Beautiful)

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

JECO Update: Continuing annexing for Becks Seed in Colfax. Accepting bids for running fiber and sewer needs. Anticipating groundbreaking this year. JEDCO Business Park in Newton is cooperating with the city toward a storm water detention system.

Old Business.

Trail Steering Committee Railroad. All tracks are out. Streets are repaired. Hometown Pride made a list of priorities for the trail project and are now working through grant process. A grant proposal went to State Recreational Trail last week. Developing one for Resource and Enhancement and Protection due August 15. Goal is to acquire grants to purchase the corridor and then secure funding for construction next.

Jeff Davidson is working with University of Iowa and Iowa State to get students to work with us on trailhead facilities in PC and Monroe. Looks promising. A environmental engineering group could work on storm water management issues with Nick Benson (separate from trail head work).

New Business.

Corn Feed staying on Aug 8. KCCI coverage expected with a possible presidential candidate in attendance.

KIB Hometown Pride: Jeff Davidson update. Going well. Establishing priorities. Basically look for money to do stuff and then do stuff. Working on relationship with JEDCO. Focused on rural small town community development. Planning to cater to those with internet based careers that can live anywhere. Could county do ad campaign for metro area about benefits of living in Jasper County?

PC Farmers Market will be featured on Eat Greater Des Moines. Coffee with the Mayor will be there Saturday.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at noon at Uptown.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.