

Prairie City Economic Development Commission  
Wednesday, August 12, 2015

Call to Order at 12:10 p.m. at Uptown Restaurant & Lounge

Roll Call: Mike Buitenwerf, Manny Toribio, Marge Tynan, Chaz Allen, Kirsten Emmack, 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 Marge Tynan,  
seconded by Kirsten Emmack. All in favor. Motion passed.

JEDCO Update: TPI wants to expand through the purchase of JEDCO property. There is a possible project  
in the county north of the jail. The business wants visibility off the interstate. Continuing annexing for  
Becks Seed in Colfax.

Old Business.

Trail Steering Committee Railroad. All tracks are out. Streets are repaired. REAP grant has been written  
and submitted. Goal is to acquire grants to purchase the corridor and then secure funding for  
construction next.

Corn Feed was a success with over 300 people in attendance. It got great coverage in the PC News.

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). Jeff is also  
working with Sue Ponder to develop a KIB video focusing on the Hometown Pride in Prairie City.

New Business.

Discussion was had on determining economic development packages for the ground west of Casey's.  
Review of land values in Polk and Jasper will help establish a baseline. Need to develop a vision on what  
the City wants to see developed.

Discussion was had on how the Commission could promote the delivery of pharmaceuticals by Weirick's  
in Colfax to Prairie City.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at noon at Uptown.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.