

BEDCO Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

Members present: Bucklin, Northrup, Bishop, Dart, Smith, Mills, Ladd

Meeting called to order by Bishop at 5:30pm

Northrup motioned to accept agenda, Bucklin 2nd, MPAA

Smith motioned to accept approval of December meeting minutes, Dart 2nd, MPAA

*Advisor Report- Jeff Davidson gave an update on some JEDCO activities such as Grant Cycles being talked about for 2021 for Jasper County and to make sure all non-profits are aware in Baxter of some grant funds coming. Prairie Meadows also doing a grant again this year waiting on amount. Jeff also mentioned that he is working on new Economic Development District Study Committee for Central Iowa and Jasper county working on high speed internets, etc. He will get us all the website links that we can share on all our social media pages.

*Hometown Pride- no update

*Chamber of Commerce- No update

*Financial Report- Bishop questioned the Bury Loan Balance- Bucklin/Northrup don't recall so we will move to Feb agenda.

Bucklin motioned to approve financial report, Smith 2nd, MPAA

*Bills- no bills to pay per Katie

*New Business- Bishop talked about the Nursing Home and how discussion has been thrown around it could be gifted to the city and more discussion to decide what that will entail. Jeff Davidson, Larry Ladd, and Doug Bishop brought up the DNR Program Derelict Building Grant Program that could help fund this project to tear down existing building depending on some check boxes. We seem to fit most of what this program would need but still need to determine if we want it for Commercial /Residential. Bishop asked Rick Thatcher on a quote ballpark figure and it was around 200-300k. We will get more bids as this progresses but deadline for this DNR Program is Feb 26th. Bishop will take the lead to talk with City Council to talk more about zoning and future plans.

*Old Business- Bishop brought up about old soccer field and still would like to discuss this and put together a spreadsheet with numbers to take to Rob to see if we can meet on this project pushed to February agenda.

*Marketing- Dart brought up radio ad with KIX 101.1, Larry Ladd would like donate for this ad for BEDCO to market Westfield Horizons for 13 weeks on radio. Will discuss further regarding ad in Feb agenda. Smith motioned to approve, Dart 2nd, MPAA

Motion to Dismiss- Ladd motioned, Bucklin 2nd, MPAA

BEDCO REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2020

*Members present: Bell, Bishop, Mills, Northrup, Dart, Bucklin

*Bucklin called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

*Northrup motioned to accept the agenda, Bishop 2nd. MPAA

*There were no November meeting minutes to approve due to their being no regular meeting held. Only bills payable were handled in November

*Advisors report: Jeff Davidson gave a report on JEDCO activities. Jasper County is part of a national broadband push. The Board of Supervisors will pay all necessary costs to participate. The Geise Park project is waiting on grant possibilities from Prairie Meadows. All grant funding is on hold at this time. Homes for Iowa program has homes available and Newton is receiving one. The JEDCO website is receiving many hits and Jeff asked us to keep sending all available commercial properties to be listed.

No report was received from the city

*Bucklin reported out on the chamber of commerce. Mills and Dart discussed the distribution of the new welcome to Baxter bags.

*Financial report and bills payable were presented by Bell. (attached)

*Northrup motioned to pay bills as presented, Dart 2nd MPAA. Discussion was held concerning TIF contributions from the City. Northrup motioned to use the two previous TIF contributions and the upcoming one and apply them towards the Phase 4 loan and close the TIF savings account. Bishop 2nd. MPAA

*Election of officers. Bucklin stated that he wished to step down as chair and will remain on BEDCO for another year. Northrup motioned that the following slate of officers be installed for the upcoming year. Bishop 2nd. MPAA

President- Doug Bishop

Vice President- Ryan Bucklin

Treasurer- Katie Mills

Recording Secretary- Stephanie Dart

*Old business

Mills gave clarification on the Zoning Administrator discussion that was held during the October meeting.

Bucklin brought up a mortgage lien situation for a refinance in Westfield Horizons phase two. Bishop motioned to release the lien, Dart 2nd. MPAA

*Marketing- Dart discussed Facebook opportunities. Discussion was held on lot prices and we are still on the low end for sizes available. Dart would like to have a drone come out and do some shots of Westfield and the community. Northrup suggested she get with the school and see about a potential cost share and joint video. Larry Ladd had sent in an update on his refer a friend (RAF) proposal. He will contact local businesses that may be interested before an official kick off is held in the spring.

Bishop Thanked Bell for her service on BEDCO and Bucklin and Northrup for their time as officers.

Bishop motioned to adjourn at 6:24. Bell 2nd. MPAA