**BEDCO October Meeting Minutes**

**Mission Statement:** BEDCO is committed to enabling economic growth by facilitating the development

of housing and new businesses, providing support and solutions to existing businesses, as well as

protecting the small-town values that make Baxter an excellent community to call home.

*10/2/2023, 5:30pm*

Call to Order at 5:31pm

Ryan Fredregill, Katie Wilson, Amanda Moorman, Stephen Van Beek, Travis Henderson

JEDCO Updates:

* Facade grant programs- just finished the old bank in Monroe.
* Sustainable aviation fuel plant for Newton is currently on hold due to federal environmental policies. Need to achieve a zero carbon score.
* Legacy Plaza project is underway. They are currently gutting the area which will hold the apartments- they have already received 60 inquiries for the apartments. Christensen Development of Des Moines.
* Tyler VanderLinden from Monroe, worker release builders.

Chamber Updates:

* Two bike racks have been installed, third one to be installed within the month
* Three trash receptacles within the month will be installed
* Fall market is set for Oct. 28th with the Baxter Library’s Halloween event as well. We are still working on reaching out and getting vendors.
* No new businesses that we are aware of at this time.
* Community vision meeting: Thursday October 26th 6pm at the library. Request for one member from BEDCO, City Council, Chamber, and Hometown Pride to be present. Will talk about the efforts of the bike trail.
* Ron Smith- dog waste stations, waiting for price and time to pick up

Joint Meeting with City:

* Talked of properties in town for development
* Looking forward to joint efforts with the City Council
* Nonprofit- two different tiers of nonprofit. If they do start generating some kind of income, they will then have tax.

Fiber Optic Update:

* We withdrew from the grant due to other federal funding available.
* Follow up on exact situation

Subcommittee Review:

* WFH(Mike & Travis)
  + Working on reaching out with other developers throughout the state. Other developers are looking for more than what BEDCO can offer to them. They will continue to push efforts.
  + Stephanie Dart has proposed a builder had interest in advertising a building plan, waiting to hear back from her.

* East Avenue Lots
  + Reaching out to developers.

* Trailer Park Updates(stephen)
* Marketing/Drone(Mike & Amanda)
  + Tried to get footage of Homecoming, however Dillan was unable to attend.
  + Amanda M. is going to reach out to Andrea Berg to see if she would be willing to let us share some of her photos in our footage.
  + Mike and Travis shot footage a couple of weeks ago at a football game as well, but have not seen it yet.

Community Outreach Options

* Coffee/Drinks
* 50% or more would make it an official meeting and we would have to take minutes.

Bills Payable

* No bills payable

Voting

* No items to vote on at this time

-Glen Water

-Wayne Pouge