**Minutes of Board Meeting**

**July 11, 2024**

**Perry County Economic Development Authority**

**Perry County Business and Tourism Center**

**New Bloomfield, PA.**

**Attendees:** Marti Roberts, Rich Pluta, Frank Campbell, Dee Anderson, Patti McLaughlin, Duane Hertzler, Ed Barben, Scott Dunkelberger, Lindsey Hutchinson

**Virtual participants:** None

**Staff:** Michelle Jones

**Absent:**

**Excused:** David Misner

**Visitor:** Jason Finnerty

**Call to Order:**

The July 2024 PCEDA Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Marti Roberts at 8:27

AM.

**Public Comment:** Jason Finnerty, the county planner reports as follows:

Jason shared forty-five new plans, with no additional land development plans for the last month, but still ahead of plans submitted from last year. Had first hearing for amendments for Picture Perry. There was a very good attendance. Past a resolution already, county is trying to get at least the original twenty-two municipalities. New Buffalo would like to adopt their own zoning ordinance. Buffalo Township requested help from Watts township but did not get any response. New Buffalo would like a sound barrier wall along Route 15 corridor at the borough. This may be possible through PADOT as the 15 corridor improvements are made.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Dee Anderson presented the minutes of PCEDA’s meeting on June13, 2024, which had been distributed to all board members in advance of today’s meeting. Patti McLaughlin’s name is misspelled and needs to be corrected in the minutes. There was a motion by Patti McLaughlin and Frank Campbell seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Normal overhead for the month
* Received the county’s second installment of $40,000.00 to PCEDA.
* Michelle has a request for three reimbursements.

There was a motion by Ed Barben, and Duane Hertzler seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

We need to open an account for the DCED grant. It will be opened at Pennian Bank in a money market that will provide 3.5% interest rate. Signatories will be Martha Roberts and Patti McLaughlin.

There was a motion by Ed Barben, and Duane Hertzler seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Chair Report:**

Marti Roberts reported as follows:

* Discussion about Russ Hoover and his health concerns. We need to find an assistant treasurer/secretary.
* The subcommittee to hire a replacement for the main street coordinator position has spent a great deal of time interviewing candidates for the job. Fortunately, we had quite a few applications, and we are now down to three candidates and are having our second round of interviews.
* RCDI grant application in process. This specifically pays portions of the salaries of Michelle and the downtown coordinator. We will know about the RCDI grant in September. The board discussed other grants such as Muti-Model.

**Staff Reports:**

The board discussed the fair coming up in August and volunteering at the booth, and Canal Days with the Arts Council, we need a Duncannon representative since Russ’s health is not good.

John Joyce will have a roundtable discussion on August 21, 2024.

Discussion about the county guide and the success of Centre Publications. The publication started out as thirty-three pages and since there was so much interest from businesses to advertise it has now turned in to eighty-eight pages.

**Old Business:** Updates from board members regarding their assigned main street committees.

Liverpool has changed their movie night from August 16th to sometime in September.

Discussion of the hotel tax and 501©3

**New Business:** Dee Anderson suggested we send flowers or do something for Russ Hoover.

**Adjourn:**

Rich Pluta moved to adjourn the meeting, Ed Barben seconded the motion, and the motion was approved without dissent at 9:27 AM