**Minutes of Board Meeting**

**June 13, 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, David Misner

**Virtual participants:** None

**Staff:** Michelle Jones

**Absent:** Lindsey Hutchinson, Russ Hoover

**Excused:** None

**Visitor:** Jason Finnerty

**Call to Order:**

The June 2024 PCEDA Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Marti Roberts at 8:25

AM.

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

Jason shared thirty-nine plans for the year with one additional poultry plan in Juniata Township. This is down five plans from last year. Lots and dwelling units are up by ten from last year.

Picture Perry is ready to do the first-year amendments and add new projects that were submitted. There are still eight municipalities that are not participating.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Dee Anderson presented the minutes of PCEDA’s meeting on May 9, 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 Scott Dunkleberger and Frank Campbell seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* The Financial Report was presented for the period ending May 31, 2024, prepared by Robert Morris & Co., which was distributed to all board members in advance of today’s meeting. Patti presented.
* Received grant money of $25,000.00 for two art projects in New Bloomfield, and Liverpool.
* Ed Barben asks what the balance of the Liverpool Main Street account totaled and Patti said she would audit.

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:

* Marti Roberts informed the board that Kyleigh Spidle has resigned. The job posting is shared on social media, Linkedin, PDC, Indeed.com. We need to find a replacement. The biggest impact is the main street meetings which board members will need to attend with their appointed towns.
* David Misner will be reviewing our website. The video is dated and needs to be edited and upgraded.
* RFP for a sports complex feasibility study was submitted. They are looking for USDA grants but will need to meet the requirements.
* A resolution was discussed for the multi model grant, and how much to ask for and what strategy. Dee Anderson suggested Drew Barton of LIVIC civil to help with the estimate and engineering. We discussed which communities would make the match. Jason Finnerty suggested ARC.
* USDA RDBG Minimum $50,000.00 with a maximum of $500,000.00. Marti Roberts will review and get back to the board.
* The resolution was read which Rich Pluta moved to approve and Patti McLaughlin seconded the motion to approve the resolution.

**Staff Reports:**

A success story was shared by Rich Pluta and Michelle Jones regarding two small businesses they helped with a business plan which have become successful. The businesses are a therapeutic massage/spa, and Lindgren Brewery.

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

Landisburg will be having a main street block party June 22, 2024. Millerstown: Michelle and Rich have made some progress with Penn Dot district 8 regarding an application process for private citizens to place murals on Penn Dot properties. Marty reported that Marysville had a great clean up day with an estimated fifty people attending. Liverpool update is that there is no dirt being moved at the park. The contractor said it may be another two weeks before they begin. August 16th will be movie night, and they have decided to push the Farmers Market back to 2025. Newport art project need to be re-scoped, there was a successful clean up day, and the walking tour was rescheduled. Blain is getting their walking trail close to completion; the mural is not moving forward as expected and is being revised. New Bloomfield historical society has approved the Huckelberry art installation, but sine the installation will be on county property some agreements will need to be in place. Also New Bloomfield is working on as merchants committee since the main street committee was not well attended, so New Bloomfield is trying a new approach.

The art installations are being completed and we need to have some sort of grand opening, ribbon cutting, reception, unveiling or photo opportunity at each one. Board members need to help organize these events. We need some estimated dates for each art installation.

**New Business:** The executive committee meeting will be rescheduled for July 3rd. Scott Fritz from Pennian Bank is considering joining the board and will be joining our July meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Patti McLaughlin moved to adjourn the meeting, Frank Campbell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved without dissent at 10:00 AM