

## Mineral County Economic Development Corporation

### Meeting Minutes

12-14-2021

Meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Brown at 103pm. Roll call was taken, and the following board members and visitors were present:

#### Board Members

Kathleen Brown, via zoom

Erin Woodson, via zoom

Carol Young, via zoom\*

Dan Fultz, via zoom\*

Jim DeBree, incarcerated

Sharon Patterson, excused

Judy Stang

Emily Park

Monte Turner

\*Board Members absent at call-to-order, so a quorum was not met.

#### Visitor

Tamara Starkle

Minutes and Treasurers reports were reviewed.

#### **Old Business**

BSPRA: Monte reported that Mineral County has not had representation at the monthly zoom meetings for November and December. Emily will remind Roman Zylawy of his commitment. Monte will have Dave Strohmaier, Chairman of the BSPRA email Dawn Terrill the scheduled meetings so she can include them on the county commissioner's agenda.

ARPA Committee Meeting report: A meeting has not been held but Emily will be in touch with committee members to hold one this month. Committee Members are Sharon, Judy, Erin, Dan, Jim and Emily. Tamara Starkle was introduced, and she is working on behalf of the Superior Senior Center to locate a new building as they will be moving. Discussion involved sharing a building with other agencies that need more room or are losing their lease. Property discussed was on the school grounds where the middle school was as Scott Kinney is considering a multi-purpose room for the wrestlers and the County Fair Board is involved with this discussion to replace their Quonset hut. Expansion of this building might include the Superior Senior Center, 4-H and the Mineral County Food Bank. April Quinlan, Mineral County Health Department, will be approached to organize a meeting of said parties for initial discussion

of sharing space. The rent/mortgage each organization is now paying when pooled together should be sufficient for matching grant funds. Before any grant(s) is applied for, Emily explained that land to build any facility on is the first step.

Re-Imagine Rural Grant Application: The motive behind this is to attract newcomers in the county to become involved in their community. Reach out and share all that is being done and ask for their assistance. One suggestion has been to create a business directory using students from the high schools BPA clubs to help. It's up to \$2,000 and Emily will complete and submit the application before the due date this month.

IFG update: The task force that is to discuss the hardships to the county of the mill closure with the owner of IFG has not taken place. It was discovered that the letter requesting the meeting that went unanswered did not make it to the key players of the administration. Emily will email that letter to the task force and MCEDC board of directors as it hasn't been read by the members. Emily will also prod the chairperson of the task force to gather the members and make a strategic plan. Monte said that IFG informed the local management that they would revisit opening the mill back up in early 2022 and it would be advisable to have the task force prepared and ready to jump if they elect to keep it closed.

Strategic Plan: No new information

#### **New Business**

Hourly Wage for Director, Bylaws and Board Member Application: No one was sure what were behind these items so brief discussions on each were shared but no action was taken.

#### **Other Business**

None

**Adjournment** was at 3:07pm. The next meeting date will be decided upon Sharons return

Minutes approved at the February 23, 2022 meeting