

MCEDA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Jan. 12, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:				Staff:
David Hart	Josh			Chris Burkett
Cassie Alexander	Nate			Chelsea Jones
Andrea Phillips				
Bern Heath				
Tom Maley				Guests:
Shawna McLaughlin				Laura Lewis-Marchino

Agenda Item / Topic	Findings and Discussion	Conclusions, Recommendations Actions, and/or Motions
Call to Order	Dave called meeting to order at 3:10 PM	Information Only
Approval of Minutes	December minutes moved to approve by Bern and Cassie	Motion Approved Need November minutes from Leila. Chelsea will follow up
Treasurers Report	Cassie provided the bank statement and also a revised budget for 2016 taking into account those that have already paid dues and showing remaining funds. Information on the year end 2015 financials were also provided. Andrea made the motion and Bern seconded to approve the financials	Motion Approved
Economic Development Specialist Report	Chris provided a report emailed out to the Board. Chelsea was introduced and Chris discussed the transition plan which includes training. -A farewell party for Chris was suggested -Chelsea is meeting with the Journal about doing a monthly article. -There is an event tomorrow night at the Cortez Chamber After Hours and Chelsea will attend with materials. All were invited to attend -Chelsea plans to spend time in each community. -Chelsea will be attending the Alliance meeting in La Plata County next month -There was a lot of discussion about MCEDA helping with collaboration and getting key players to the table.	

Old Business	<p>Website – Chelsea walked the group through the new website and asked that all provide feedback to her. Would like input on investor page. Group did not want their personal information on it yet. Testimonials were suggested. Video of Heart & Soul suggested</p> <p>Solar – Planning a field trip to Santa Fe. Tom liked that this is not driven by the County but community. Josh explained that Empire can only generate 5% of their own power based on their Tristate agreement that runs until 2060. Population growth helps. Solar is not a job creator once a facility is constructed. Looking at opportunities for facilities that are within 3 miles of a substation.</p>	<p>-Members need to send photos of their business for website. -Join the MCEDA Facebook page -Check if you are getting Chelsea’s email with meeting information.</p>
New Business	<p>Rural Jump start – This is a state program in which a business in a “designated” Jump start area, that creates jobs and moves into a community gets 4 years of no state income tax, county or municipal taxes. The idea is no one loses tax money for businesses that aren’t yet in the community. It would be a 4 year “jumpstart” for a business but all government entities need to agree and sign resolutions. Right now the State has a pilot in Mesa County and is finalizing their paperwork.</p> <p>Annual meeting—This will be an agenda item for the next meeting and members will be asked for input.</p> <p>Membership—This is a business opening with Shawn Collins leaving Crow Canyon. Membership letters will be sent to all former members. There was discussion about having a discount for Chamber members and/or offering a free year. Also discussed a prorated amount if dues are paid mid-year.</p> <p>Strategic Plan – The previous plan was suggested as a starting point. The Executive Committee will look at and decide how to move forward and include the information gathered at the recent ED 101 meetings.</p>	<p>- Chelsea will outreach Lana about Dolores hosting the Annual MCEDA meeting. - Chelsea will draft options for the board to vote on in Feb regarding a chamber discount and any freebies. -An update on Jumpstart will be at the next meeting. - Chris will put together a list of businesses outreached so they can be invited to join. - Chris will get Duncan’s notes included in the 2011 strategic plan. Laura will send that plan over to Chris and Chelsea.</p>
Future Board Meetings	<p>The next Board Meeting is set for Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 3pm at Axis Heath in the Larkspur conference room.</p>	<p>- Chelsea will publicize this information on Facebook and website if appropriate. Send invitation to the member email list.</p>
Sector Updates	<p>Cortez—Osprey success and article in the paper. Kudos to Shane for working with them. They will get incentives if create 50 new jobs. There are 4 positions on City Council open in the next election. Ty and Karen are running for another term.</p> <p>Region 9 – Ed will be retiring in September. SCAPE has 2 Montezuma county applicants. Working on business inquiry for M & M truck stop.</p>	
Meeting Adjourned	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 pm without a motion.</p>	<p>Adjourned without motion</p>

Submitted by Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9