

# Montezuma Community Economic Development Association

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

December 13th, 2016

By: Chelsea Jones

In Attendance: Dave Hart, Greg Kemp, James Lambert, Clint Rapier, Sarada Leavenworth, Hayley Leonard, Lana Hancock, Fred Brooks, Madonna Whyte, Cassie Alexander, Chris Burkett, Robert Dobry and Chelsea Jones.

- I. Call to order: 3:00 p.m. by Dave Hart
- II. Minutes of the previous meeting approved.
- III. Treasures report by Cassie:
  - Motion by Chris: Cassie “To provide our fiscal agent online access to the MCEDA checking account and allowing them access to the checking to pay bills, bills would not be paid without prior approval by the exec committee or treasure”  
Second by Mark Drudge  
Also requesting looking at electronic transfer
  - Cassie: we would need approval for October’s report. So moved by James Lambert and Second by Haley Leonard
  - Treasurer’s Report – October + November financial report acceptance – Cassie
- IV. Review and potential approval of the budget
  - The 2017 draft for the budget is open to the board for projected budget.
    1. Cassie and Chelsea will provide a recommended budget with your input in January
    2. Do we want to budget higher membership income and what’s our appetite for dipping into reserves.
    3. Conversation about the “Non-Profit Status” do we want to pull the trigger to have a non-profit
  - Encourage Laura to do a for a presentation regarding a “Project “ as region 9 vs a fiscal agent and if Region 9 is ok with that?
  - The next date in January would have better information to give a recommendation to see what we suggest.
    1. In going to governmental agencies and inviting them to the exec committee meeting and make that offer

2. Laura present to the exec committee and have a recommendation to the board meeting in January with feedback from Region 9 regarding the differences
  3. Sarada “ I would wonder If this whole group would get enough information regarding the decision. This is deciding the direction of where MCEDA is going and it would be my suggestion to have an open board discussion on this.”
  4. The more exposure that we would have the more we can have towards the Town of Mancos.
- We will put out the information to all of the government entities and to Laura for presentation.
  - Plan to move forward for MCEDA in the new year with a plan and budget regarding marketing and moving forward with our funds and how it’s impacting the community.
    1. The exec committee will have a suggestion of the plan for 2017.
    2. Reserves vs. business involvement.
  - Haley “We have discussed helping MCEDA solicit community input and being a think tank for Economic Development”
    1. The wealth of knowledge sitting in front with the creative piece for economic development and we as a group bring forward things that have happened in the community. We can really, truly make an impact with how the board can become more engaged to be a representative for the organization.
  - Getting growth from within is a way to grow. Connect4 what’s been happening and ways to get stuff out to everyone.
    1. Generating the interest and move forward to bring information. “They are going to have interest if they see where it’s going to help them”
      - Tom Maley
  - Motion to accept the October Financials from Cassie:  
So Moved: Chris  
Second: Tom Maley
  - Public private partnerships can go along, with how it’s going to be managed.

V. Membership:

- The Journal – is a new member for MCEDA
  1. The Journal is also interested in having a board member
- KSJD is a member of MCEDA
- Community Connections
- Four Corners Community Bank not currently a member

- All these positions have to be voted on at the annual meeting.
- We have two possible individuals and 2 business possibilities.
  1. January vote, will put something out to general membership and in January vote
  2. Put together a list to who is interested in being a board member on MCEDA.
    - General membership and talked about it periodically.
- Cassie First Southwest Bank will look at seeing if they can “possibly contribute” If we can have a local printer do a trade.

VI/ Sector updates:

- **County:** Courthouse is coming along good, and they want to be into it by the middle of August. The broadband next step is to put out a RFP. We are going to make an effort and come up with some kind of a plan. Make an effort to get to the point to have a plan regarding what we think we want to do.
- **Cortez:** Tom had to go to the VA office and they knew “Phil’s World” even though they didn’t know Cortez. Knew all about the 12 hours race.
- **Mancos:** To good to be true, Alpaca is moving into Mancos and to start some operations there. Doggy daycare, and the brewery is going to expand. The 160 corridor is the Pathways to Mesa Verde at Town Hall at 6pm. Epic town board meeting next night.
- **Dolores:** We have opted out of 152 so we can move forward, we were above where we were last year. Voted on the budget and resolutions in order. Great Christmas in Dolores on Saturday with the chamber, galloping goose, and mayor. Old fashioned Christmas came back. Gates for McPhee reservoir.
- **Tribe:** Community Development they are working on, looking at doing a feasibility to see about getting a grocery store in Towaoc. Two opening positions available. Economic Development specialist and director.
- **Hospital:** Less people in the ER for costs and colds, saw 15 patience the first week and how that program develops, rapid response. How that affects the community. Trying to sell an ambulance, took a 3% increase and getting prices posted
- **Empire:** two job openings, rate increases
- **Integrated Health Care:** New to our region and she’ll be reaching out to partner agencies to get linkage to health care. Curious how things are going.
- **Cortez Retail Enhancement:** We recognize what Biking means to this area.
- **Greg:** Comment from the commissioner meeting: Excellent resource in the county fairgrounds, there were several commercial events that were planned and not taken care of. The highest annual attendance was 64k. 78k year to date.
- **Pinion Project:** Busy and a lot of need.

- **Tom Maley:** Child advocacy raised 60k which was over the budget.

VII. Co Hosting a business after hours with the chamber for Leadership Montezuma.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45