

POLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The June 10, 2021 meeting of the Polo Economic Development Corporation was held via zoom and at Polo City Hall. President Dustin Vock opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Member's present were Sydney Bartelt, Louise Hall, Josh Faivre, Mark Scholl, Dustin Vock, Randy Schoon, Greg Cross, and Don Vock.

Absent: Brad Ohlwine, Betty Obendorf, Andy Faivre, and Mike Faivre.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTORS:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2021 MEETING MINUTES:

Josh Faivre made a motion to approve the April 15, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Mark Scholl. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL & MAY 2021 TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Mark Scholl made a motion to approve the April & May 2021 Treasurer's reports, seconded by Don Vock. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Report of Chamber of Commerce June Board Meeting.

The Chamber has sold all of the banners for downtown. The Car Show is still on schedule for August 14th.

B. Discussion on Succession Planning.

Dustin will stop by the Willey Flower Company to make contact with the owner. Discussion was brought up about some business in town to see what their future plans are. Those businesses that were brought up were Gaul's Climate Control, Busser Builders, Ebert Engineers, and Scholl Insurance. A lot of these service industries are hiring. How does this information get brought to high school students who are not interested in going to college but may want to pursue a career in a service industry? This information needs to go to the school guidance counselor. It was suggested to see what career fairs Sauk may be having and to see if some of the service industries could attend. What is offered at Whiteside Area Career Center? Could they help get this information out?

C. Discussion on Possible Grants.

None.

D. Discussion on Subdivision Development.

The TIF extension bill has been passed by the house and the senate. The bill is currently waiting to be signed by Governor Pritzker. Once the bill is signed by the Governor, the city will have to pass a new ordinance to accept the TIF extension. Discussion was held about approaching Steve & Larry Moring to see if they are interested in developing their property. Several PEDC members will get a meeting scheduled with the Moring's and report back to the group.

E. Discussion on Fundraising Opportunities for PEDC.

PEDC needs to raise at least \$1,000 to cover our insurance costs. Don Vock said that PEDC can partner with the Knights of Columbus to sell coffee cakes at Autumn on Parade. It was suggested to ask Andy Faivre to put out the information that we will need volunteer help that weekend. Sydney will contact Andy and give him information as it gets closer.

F. Discussion on Lighthouse Sweets.

Greg Cross and Sydney Bartelt will be meeting with Jessica and Cranston next week to see what their ideas are on selling their business.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

The next meeting of the PEDC will be held July 15, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Sydney Bartelt
Secretary/Treasurer