

POLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The January 20, 2022 meeting of the Polo Economic Development Corporation was held at Polo City Hall. President Dustin Vock opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Member's present were Sydney Bartelt, Mark Scholl, James Reynolds, Louise Hall, Andy Faivre, Betty Obendorf, Dustin Vock.

Absent: Greg Cross, Randy Schoon, Don Vock, Josh Faivre, and Mike Faivre.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTORS:

No discussion was held.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2021 MEETING MINUTES:

Betty Obendorf made a motion to approve the November 11, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Andy Faivre. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2021 TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Betty Obendorf made a motion to approve the November & December 2021 Treasurer's reports, seconded by Dustin Vock. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Report of Chamber of Commerce January Board Meeting.

There was no representative from the Chamber of Commerce to give a report.

B. Discussion on Succession Planning.

Samantha Bazarek, the Polo Community High School's Guidance Counselor, attended our meeting. She suggested having some of the business owners give her a call so she can see what type of students they are looking for. She would like to know when the business owners are looking to pass on their business so she can suggest career fields to younger students now. She suggested having a Polo Job Board and also having local business owners speak to the students. Louise Hall said that it should be done during school hours because some students may not have ride to the school outside of regular school hours. PEDC committee will continue to check in with Samantha Bazarek.

C. Discussion on Possible Grants.

No new grants at this time.

D. Discussion on Subdivision Development.

Dustin said that Greg was speaking to the Morings this week to figure out a selling price. Land prices are higher than expected so the cost to purchase will be more than they initially thought.

E. Discussion on Lighthouse Sweets.

Sydney has not spoken to Cranston since November. She will reach out to him to see what is going on regarding job status. Sydney stated she has not seen a payment come in for December or January. She will also inquire about that.

F. Discussion on creating a business development district.

No discussion was held on this topic.

G. Discussion on Pinecricker/Dad's Bar & Grill.

Dustin will reach out to Howard and Kathy to touch base on setting up a payment plan. Kathy is now the director of the senior center.

Election of Officers:

Betty Obendorf made a motion to elect Dustin Vock as President and Sydney Bartelt as secretary/treasurer, seconded by Andy Faivre. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

Vice President will be voted on at the next meeting.

A. Discussion on Scholl Insurance Bill for Commercial General Liability Insurance for \$275.00.

Mark Scholl made a motion to approve the Scholl Insurance Bill for Commercial General Liability Insurance of \$275.00, seconded by Louise Hall. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mark Scholl made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Betty Obendorf. Carried by voice vote without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting of the PEDC will be held February 17, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Sydney Bartelt
Secretary/Treasurer