

**These Minutes are Subject To Formal Approval By The Wyoming
Economic Development Corporation At Its Next Regular Meeting**

WYOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brann, Cummings, DiEnno, Leach, Rose, VanDuren
MEMBERS ABSENT: Cross, Gary, Koeze
STAFF: VandenBerg
ALSO PRESENT: Scott, Smith, Clark Hill; Jeff Edwards, Soil & Materials Engineers,
Inc.; Ken Malik, Wyoming-Kentwood Area Chamber; Brian
Hager, Hager Wood Preserving

DiEnno called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. DiEnno introduced new members Brian Hager and Don Cummings and each provided the board with some background information. Hager is President of Hager Wood Preserving and Cummings is the Tax Director at Gordon Food Service.

Based on comments from Cummings, DiEnno asked that the next agenda include an item to allow Cummings to share the GFS perspective on economic development incentives offered in different areas of the country.

The election of officers followed.

A motion was made by Brann, supported by Leach to nominate DiEnno as President. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Leach, supported by DiEnno to nominate Brann as Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by DiEnno, supported by Leach to nominate VanDuren as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

DiEnno presented the minutes from the July 20, 2010 meeting of the EDC. A motion was made by Brann, supported by Rose to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resignation and Reappointments to the Board

DiEnno recapped the resignations of Kim Gary and Mark Eriks have resulted in the appointment of Brian Hager and Don Cummings, respectively. DiEnno welcomed the new members and thanked them for their willingness to serve. DiEnno asked that a new member roster be prepared and provided to all members.

Old Business

There was no old business for discussion.

Treasurer's Report

VanDuren explained that previously the EDC's financial information was held in the Manager's Office and that several boards of the City have recently rolled their finances into the City's system. The EDC was rolled into the City system in August. Vandenberg noted there has been some difficulty in securing a report that is thorough, yet easy to understand. Please notify Vandenberg if you have specific questions or comments on the financial reports provided.

Reports for July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 and October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 was distributed. Brann moved to accept the report as presented, supported by Rose. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

a. Pure Michigan Article

VanDuren provided this article as a piece of interest, noting the article highlights Birgit Klohs' positive opinion of the Pure Michigan campaign. DiEnno asked if Birgit's opinion is the prevailing opinion. VanDuren affirmed. Brann noted he disagrees with the concept.

b. Economic Development Activity Report

VanDuren reported on the activities undertaken in Wyoming during 2010, highlighting those companies receiving PA 198's. DiEnno noted this report is reflective of the City of Wyoming efforts and being business friendly. The best economic development is reinvestment as expansion is easier, less expensive and produce just as many jobs. Economic growth is accelerating. Congratulations to the City of Wyoming and the Economic Development Corporation for successes in 2010 and 2011.

Brann asked about the incentives and reasoning behind GFS moving from an expansion on Gezon versus Clay. VanDuren noted the City assists any business it can with the incentives available. Smith noted the tools are different and more plentiful for areas needing redevelopment versus new development. GFS will receive fewer incentives for the development on Gezon than it would have on Clay, but there were other issues involved.

President's Comments

DiEnno thanked the board for reelecting him as President.

Public Comments

Ken Malik, President of the Wyoming-Kentwood Area Chamber of Commerce indicated demand and sales must increase to support local businesses. He is present to show his support of the EDC and its efforts.

Board Comments

There were no comments from the board.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. by Rose, supported by DiEnno. Motion carried unanimously.

Barb VanDuren
Barb VanDuren, Secretary