

Corsica Development Corporation Meeting

December 8, 2008

The Corsica Development Corporation Board met at the Corsica Travel Plaza at 6:30 am. Board members present were: Jamie Rexwinkel, Leroy Blom, Keith Sprecher, Grant Van Zee, Sylvia Zomer, Rod Van Roekel, Dave Koedam, and Roger Bordewyk. Absent was Dan Noteboom. Representing the City Council was Dick Brink and Von Denning. Also attending was David Lambert, Director of Development from the Regional Development Association.

The meeting was called to order by President Rexwinkel. Minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved. Leroy Blom gave a financial report including a balance sheet and banking summary.

Keith and Dave gave a marketing committee report. The minutes of the monthly meetings have been put on the Corsica web site. Work is still in progress on updating the State web site. The marketing committee met with Dave Lambert and Merna Bye, who also has joined the marketing committee. It was determined that a marketing plan needs to be put together. Resources will be contacted to assist with this project. The committee's goal is to have a plan by June 2009.

Dave Lambert reported on Project Tiger. At this time the company is reevaluating things due to the economy. Work is continuing on this project. Maps and layouts from SPN still need to be obtained.

Due to Dan's absence, there was no report on the Value-Added Ag group.

Dick Brink reported on the Housing Commission. They are restructuring and searching for people to serve on the commission. Anyone that knows of someone who might be interested should have them contact Dick Brink.

Rod Van Roekel reported on an individual searching for business space with possible store front capabilities. The business requires space to unload pallets from semi trucks. The business would be a 5 state regional distribution point.

The Museum project was discussed. Grant will contact parties involved to set a meeting regarding the museum and report back.

A new project named "12908" was brought to the Development Committee and discussed. Plans are to construct a building with possible cold storage and office rental spaces. The Committee felt the plans were valuable and will support the project.

The issue was brought up regarding a need for bookkeepers in town. LeRoy will follow up and report back to the Board.

Discussion regarding the "Welcome to Corsica" signs the Corsica Commercial Club is already working on

The Corsica Commercial Club has inquired if the Development Board has property available north of Corsica to place a "Welcome to Corsica" sign. They have a spot south of town for the sign. The Board is looking into their inquiry.

The next meeting will be January 12, 2009. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Van Zee, Secretary