

Corsica Development Corporation Meeting
September 14, 2009

The Corsica Development Corporation Board met at the Corsica Travel Plaza at 6:30 am. Board members present were: Leroy Blom, Keith Sprecher, Dave Koedam, Roger Bordewyk, Grant Van Zee, Rod Van Roekel, and Dan Noteboom. Representing City Council was Mayor Dick Brink. David Lambert, Director of Development for the Regional Development Association was also in attendance. The meeting was called to order. Minutes of the August 10th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Dave Lambert gave a summary on the Board Retreat held September 10th. Topics of discussion were Accomplishments for 2009, Community strengths and weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Development goals for FY2010 were set. It was suggested we have a Press Release to communicate to the community what the Development Corporation accomplished in 2009.

1. Development of affordable housing for Multi-family facilities, Condo/Duplex, and Starter homes
2. Support a Producer-Lead Ag Committee
3. Creation of Marketing Plan
4. Create a Business Recruitment Strategy for identified Businesses
5. Re-Educate Development Corp. on Current Businesses and Focus on Expansion Opportunities for Local Businesses

Marketing Committee – An email account was set up for the Development Corporation’s use. It was suggested that the email address be placed on the Corsica web site. Keith will monitor the email address temporarily until someone permanent is found.

Project 120908 – Dave Lambert is following up on details. The project is moving forward.

Protective Covenants for South Industrial Park – Meeting was held in August to review the covenant. Some changes were made and a revised copy will be brought to the next meeting for review.

Accounting Project – There is nothing new at this time.

Value-Added Ag Group – discussion on recruiting young farmers to the group was held.

Project Equine – There were lots of proposals, it will be awhile, and we’ll wait to see what transpires.

Replacement – Sylvia Zomer has resigned and a replacement is being sought.

Treasurer – Dave Koedam was elected to replace Sylvia as treasurer.

Budget plan – Dave Koedam and Leroy Blom will meet with Scott Vanden Berg to develop a budget plan for 2010.

The next regular meeting will be October 12, 2009 at 6:30 am at the Corsica Travel Plaza. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Sprecher, Vice President