

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting on December 14, 2021

(This meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 9/14/21
5. Public Input
6. DCEDC update
7. Bay Lake Regional Planning Update and Services Available for the Town
8. Broadband update
9. List of information to use in deciding to establish a business in the Town
10. Future meeting
11. Adjourn

Chair John Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Committee members Andrew Gantman, Chuck Scheckel, Dave Studebaker, and Alan Kroll were present along with Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Doug Curzon and 3 members of the public via Zoom.

Lowry moved, Studebaker second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 5-0.

Studebaker moved, Kroll second to approve the 9/14/21 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0.

Public – None.

DCEDC Update – Steven Jenkins reported that they're working with WHEDA on an affordable housing competition and the 2022 DCEDC budget will be discussed soon.

Baylake Regional Planning – Sydney Swan provided a presentation identifying the services offered. She noted that some programs are free. The projects typically have a fee, but there is a grant program available to received 20-40 hours towards a project. Baylake also works with DCEDC by completing applications or finding data to make projects happen.

Broadband – Studebaker reported that the study is complete, the Technology Committee has recommended the Town Board seek funding for Town-wide Broadband and the grant with Nsight is in progress. Scheckel noted it may work better if municipalities throughout the County work together. Jenkins noted that the County is proposing to hire an employee to manage the Finley project at which time DCEDC will be required to step away.

Establishing Business in Town – Jenkins reported that a directory of businesses will be on their new website and internet is an obstacle for new businesses. A list of Town/County contacts may be helpful to those seeking to establish a business within the Town. It was noted that creating a list of possible businesses for every parcel would be challenging since the Town is under County zoning.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom

Lowry moved, Scheckel second to adjourn at 7:27pm. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 01-25-2022 Economic Development Committee meeting.