

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting on March 14, 2023
(This meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 3/14/23
5. Public Input
6. DCEDC Update
7. Supporting Economic Development within the Town
 - a. Local Business Needs
 - b. Resources for Current Businesses
 - c. Attracting New Businesses
 - d. Supporting Micro Business Development
8. Determine Best Use for 11976 Highway 42
9. Assess Inventory of Current Liberty Grove Businesses
10. Appropriate Zoning for Attainable Housing
11. Correspondence
12. Future meeting
13. Adjourn

Chair John Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:14pm. Committee members Chuck Scheckel, and Andrew Gantman were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell, and 2 members of the public. Committee member Alan Kroll was absent.

Scheckel moved, Gantman second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 3-0.

Lowry moved, Scheckel second to approve the 3/14/23 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

Public – None. Committee member David Studebaker arrived virtually.

Economic Development within Town – Lowry noted the resource list is on the website, TIF districts and/or block grants may be possible in downtown Ellison Bay. DCEDC can assist with establishing the TIF to make lots developer ready. The Town would need to establish a Joint Review Board and goals tied to the Comprehensive Plan. Block Grants are difficult to find for infrastructure.

DCEDC Update – Michele Lawrie noted Legislative Days are April 19th & 20th, DCEDC's annual meeting is May 18th, and they are seeking commercial and residential developers for the Developer Tour on June 15th & 16th.

Business Inventory – Lawrie reported there are 179 businesses on the list with the majority being retail and agricultural production. Work continues with DCN to create a retention plan for these businesses.

11976 Highway 42 – It was the consensus that commercial is most appropriate. Workforce housing is limited by the septic only being suitable for 13 bedrooms.

Attainable Housing Zoning – None.

Correspondence – Kirk Scattergood reported FARR Technologies is working on the engineering study and is working to gain access to a few gated driveways.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:15 pm.

Lowry moved, Scheckel second to adjourn at 7:02 pm. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer