



MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
VIA ZOOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bricker called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Bricker, Committee members, Newman, Hughes, Knight, Spencer, Richardson and Holmberg.

Also present were Development Services Director Jensen, Economic Development Manager Jacobs, Economic Development Planner Arrasmith, Marketing Specialist Wallner and Administrative Assistant Follett.

Chairman Bricker welcomed new members and asked each person to introduce themselves and tell the group a little about themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Bricker presented the agenda. Ms. Follett noted the Committee needed to elect a Vice Chairman to replace member Kenney and suggested that item be added to the agenda after the approval of the agenda.

COMMITTEE MEMBER HOLMBERG MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWMAN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF VICE CHAIRMAN ELECTION. MOTION PASSED 7-0

Election of Vice Chair

Chairman Bricker opened the floor for nominations. Member Newman nominated Member Hughes for the Vice Chair position. Member Holmberg seconded the motion. Ms. Wallner provided details about the duties for the Vice Chairperson. Ms. Hughes accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. The nomination of Ms. Hughes was passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bricker presented the minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting for approval.

COMMITTEE MEMBER HOLMBERG MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER HUGES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2020 MEETING. MOTION PASSED WITH 5 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 2 ABSTENSIONS. RICHARDSON AND SPENCER ABSTAINED.

Chairman Bricker presented the minutes of the August 17, 2020 meeting for approval.

COMMITTEE MEMBER HOLMBERG MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER HUGES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2020 MEETING. MOTION PASSED WITH 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 3 ABSTAINING. RICHARDSON, KNIGHT AND SPENCER ABSTAINED.

PRESENTATIONS

1. TRIDEC 3rd Quarter Review

Karl Dye, TRIDEC President & CEO, welcomed new members and gave a PowerPoint presentation showing measures and year to date progress against TRIDEC's 2020 goals. He noted interest from the food service sector since the last update. He provided details on their efforts toward Score Card measures. Mr. Dye also spoke about challenges due to staffing issues and impacts from the pandemic. Mr. Dye also provided details about TRIDEC's CARES Act and ADO funding to Richland businesses.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Committee members asked questions and thanked Mr. Dye for his presentation.

2. Economic Development Year in Review

Ms. Wallner provided the committee with a review of economic activity over the past 12 months. She highlighted COVID-19 response, business outreach and Horn Rapids development. Members asked questions and discussed results included in the report. Many members expressed a desire to participate in a tour of development areas. Additional discussion on related development matters followed. Members thanked Ms. Wallner for the exceptional work on the report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bricker adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Prepared by: Lynne Follett, Administrative Assistant II
Reviewed by: Joe Jacobs, Economic Development Manager

TRIDEC Score Card

4Q2020



Task	Measurement	Target	3Q Update
Share project leads with City of Richland staff	Number of Leads	All leads that fit City of Richland's criteria	9
Connect City of Richland's Economic Development Team to state and regional partners	Number of Meetings	Continue weekly regional economic development meetings	30
Host regional meetings with all electrical utility providers and BPA	Number of Meetings	2 before 2021	1
Host regular meetings with City of Richland's Economic Development Team and Richland's largest employers to understand future growth plans	Number of Meetings	4 before 2021	0
Continue monthly BRE meetings with City of Richland businesses, inviting staff to participate	Number of Meetings	5/month beginning in July 2020	0*



Business Grants

- **Benton County CARES**

Round 1: \$1,230,471 (74)

Richland: \$429,037 (17)

Round 2: \$1,209,651.73 (80)

Richland: \$268,598.13 (19)

Round 3: \$1,044,878 (Current) (60)

Richland: \$307,450 (19)

ADO Grants: \$734,699 (83)

Richland: \$220,891.70 (25)

Total CARES Grants: \$4,219,699.73 (297)

Total Richland: \$1,225,976.83 (80)

Percentage of Applicants: 26.94%

Percentage of Funds: 29.05%

CERB Grant Supports

Infrastructure for 1341 Acres

Food Processing Industrial Park Infrastructure

