**BEDCO Meeting January 16th, 2023**

BEDCO is committed to enabling economic growth by facilitating the development of housing and new businesses, providing support and solutions to existing businesses, as well as protecting the small-town values that make Baxter an excellent community to call home.

**Board Members Present:** Katie Petermeier, Stephen VanBeek, Amanda Moorman, Erin Suttek, Ryan Fredregill, Travis Henderson, Jon Northrup

**5:32pm meeting called to order**

**JEDCO Updates:**

-Stephen Van Beek is going to become a member of JEDCO.

-Paint Iowa Beautiful and Prairie Meadows grants are open to be applied for now.

*\*Send Prairie Meadows grant to new fire chief*\*

-Approved Jeff for another year

-Facade grant

-Small grant project (previously maxed at $5k, now maxed at $10k). One loan was just approved today for a local community.

-TPI is currently hiring

-40,000sq. Foot building in need if anyone knows of any.

**Chamber Updates:**

-Treasurer Update: current balance $7,475.76 with an invoice from Amanda Samson waiting for $141 for the Baxter towels and pillows. We are still waiting for an invoice from Krampe Welding for the trash receptacles that will be placed around town.

-Insurance is a big topic between different entities in town. $1888 yearly is one quote received, the other quote was $100 less however this company is probably now not a great option as they are cutting costs. EMC is the insurance company with the $1888 quote. BCC is hoping that we can split this cost between HTP, BCC, and BEDCO.

-Erin let us know that BEDCO does have liability insurance, so she is going to look into whether we are able to add BCC and HTP to that policy.

-Hillbilly bike ride will be the first week in June of 2024.

-Jasper County Foundation grant has granted an extension as we are waiting for the trash receptacles.

-Paint Iowa Beautiful: Natalie forwarded on to Bryce Halter, Greg Christiansen, and Lindsay Bethards as ideas for people in town to apply for this grant.

-Townsend Park Road, Storage Sheds behind MidStates are the only two commercial lots/buildings available in town currently (information provided by Doug Bishop)

-Developer is currently fixing up the old laundry mat.

-Berkshire Pork is owned by the Conovers.

-Bunny is meeting with her team tonight in regards to Benolas(the new bar). They have about 9 days that they will be open within the next two weeks, then they will reopen on March 15th! They will roll out a new menu at their grand opening in March as well. Ribbon Cutting on March 15th tentatively.

-Juan’s ribbon cutting has been postponed until a future date.

**City Update:**

-Welcome to City Council Dalton Kinzel!

-Upcoming Budget Meeting

**Home Team Iowa Presentation(WFH):**

-Lindsay Black & Danny West guest speakers from Home Team Iowa

- Marketing Plan presented, handout in records to be scanned in

*\*Get an updated/detailed plat mat to Danny & Lindsay\**

-Danny & Lindsay will be sending a follow up email with questions they have regarding lots and finer detailed questions.

**Trailer Park Update(Stephen Van Beek):**

-Abstract was picked up today and is being updated currently. Planning & Zoning has been gone through and given the green light.

-Our hope is to close this month.

-There is a gap area between the Trailer Park lots and Gene Hennick’s lot. There will be follow up between the surveyor(Marc Hoodjer), Leyna(at the county plat office), and BEDCO to fix the issue of the gap. Stephen will work with Gene Hennick to resolve the survey issue. Danny & Stephen will work on getting abstract addressed. Stephen will work on

**Marketing Update(Amanda & Erin):**

-Amanda & Erin will be working together on marketing moving forward. Focus will be on social media platforms, promoting/collaboration between BEDCO, City, and the School, as well as other entities throughout the city.

-We have a long list of ideas and a to do list of items to work on that we are very excited to get started on.

**Future Focused Projects:**

**-subcommittee discussions:** tabled

**Bills Payable:**

-motion to pay Autobury Loan approved

-motion to pay Walker Billingsley approved

-motion to pay Mike Brandt approved

-motion to pay S. West Ave Special Assessment approved

-motion to pay Amanda Samson $141 for BCC approved

**Vote Items:** none

**Public Forum:** none