

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
JUNE 18, 2013  
MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Jurchen, Barb Merritt, Cindy Rieck, Tommy Woog  
(arrived at 8:10) and Cindy Roggenkamp

ALSO PRESENT: Sandy Peine, City Clerk; Sheila Haverkamp, BLAEDC;  
Kala Ernest, Intern (Cindy Rieck); Bob Perkins, TDS;  
Mayor Nancy Adams

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jurchen at 8:00 a.m.

2. Approval of 5-21-2013 EDC Minutes

**COMMISSIONER RIECK MOVED TO APPROVE THE 5/21/2013 EDC MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MERRITT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

3. Bob Perkins – TDS – Broadband Update

Chair Jurchen stated that the EDC requested Mr. Perkins presence to give an update on where TDS is with technological changes. He thanked TDS for operating in the community. Mr. Perkins stated that they are close to 100 employees in the building and the building is completely full. He explained that the company is expanding to west. Mr. Perkins had maps that he presented that showed the broadband coverage in the area. He indicated that the coverage is nearly at 100%.

Sheila Haverkamp explained the importance of technology in economic development. She noted that Region 5 and BLAEDC has identified broadband systems as a high priority and as a growth strategy. Discussion was held regarding the terminology of broadband versus fiber versus cable. Chair Jurchen noted that we want to be sure our area is ready to serve the companies with the most advanced technology possible. He stated that we need to partnership with TDS to do this.

Discussion was held regarding how TDS works with existing companies and new companies regarding their need for broadband services. Bob Perkins stated that any company can call and get in contact with a commercial sales or marketing contact. He also noted that he is also available if needed.

The group thanked Bob Perkins for his presentation and noted that it would be good for him to meet with the EDC on a yearly basis. Following Mr. Perkins

departure, the EDC noted the importance of TDS being proactive in the marketing and service areas especially in regard to existing business needs and new businesses in the area.

4. Update on Urban and Rural Taxing District Update

The Clerk noted that a public hearing on the issue was scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

5. BLAEDC Update

Brief update by Sheila Haverkamp.

6. Chamber -

Brief update by Mark Jurchen

7. July Agenda Items

- Revisit the technology issue
- Report from Sheila – follow up on technology
- August Agenda – Meet with School Superintendent

8. Other Business

No other business.

9. Adjournment

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, CHAIR JURCHEN  
AJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:20 A.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine  
City Clerk