

Harrington Public Development Authority

Minutes

October 18, 2016

The Harrington Public Development Authority meeting was called to order by President Josh Steward on October 18, 2016 at 7:00pm at the City Hall. Those present were: Jay Kane, Allen Barth, Josh, Paul Charlton, Heather Slack and Bunny Haugan.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented. The treasurer reported a balance of \$10,259.68.

The September meeting had been cancelled due to conflicts and still waiting for a corrected billing from Spectrum Online.

Spectrum sent a bill of \$9,535.49 for the supplies and installation to connect downtown business to the fiber network as stated in the grant proposal. This was the amount due after Spectrum had corrected the tax rate and credited their 25% contribution of \$2,951.25. A motion by Allen Barth and second by Jay Kane approved the bill and authorized a check in the amount of \$9,535.68 to Spectrum Online. Motion carried.

This project was possible through a Rural Development Fund Grant from Lincoln County

Allen Barth volunteered to work with the Lincoln County EDC (Margie Hall) on a newspaper feature article to promote this high speed internet now available to buildings in our business district.

October 27 is the date for the Lincoln County EDC Connect program that will spot light and promote new businesses in the county.

There was a lengthy discussion and sharing of ideas and information regarding houses for sale and rental houses available. Several homes have sold which was a positive report however it has reduced the market for home for sale and cut into the already limited market for rentals available. Several homes that were in foreclosure are now on the market.

There was limited information of a person inquiring about starting a bakery. Several folks on Facebook have responded and provided information. No real factual information was available.

It was discussed and recommended we contact the owners of buildings in the downtown business area that is assumed are for sale. It was suggested they put up "For Sale" signs if they are interested in selling if folks passing through town may be interested in contacting the owners.

The idea of a brochure promoting Harrington was considered. Heather took some samples of older brochures to look over.

The meeting adjourned. Next meeting is November 15, 2016.

Bunny Haugan, Secretary