MINUTES OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

April 9, 2018, 10AM, Commissioners’ Room, Afton

Board Attendees: Kathy Buyers, Bob King, DeLand Lainhart, Merridee Matson and Joel Neuenschwander. Also attending were Marti Halverson, John Woodward and Sarah Hale. Attending by video conference in Kemmerer were Andrew Nelson, Elaina Zempel, Kate Zimmerman and Mary and Thomas Lively. There were no representatives from Alpine, Cokeville, Diamondville, LaBarge or Opal.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10AM. He asked for approval of the minutes and the agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve both the Minutes and Agenda. Everyone voted affirmatively.

Denice Kunz provided information on the annual Star Valley Half Marathon. The race increases in number each year, and it has been featured in “Running” and “U.S. Track and Field”. Last year there were 240 runners from outside Lincoln County. Twenty states and two countries were represented. Denice requested $1,500 for the video on Star Valley that is embedded in the timing loop. DeLand made a motion to approve on the first reading; Kathy seconded the motion; and all voted in favor.

Sarah Hale presented a comprehensive overview of activities and plans for the Star Valley Chamber for the remainder of the year. She is working on several programs at the County, Regional and State levels. She distributed the outline of activities in progress and requested $7,500 for the advertising program targeting the Wasatch Front. She discussed the yearly joint program between LCED and the SVCC.

Town Reports. Thayne. DeLand invited everyone to attend the opening of The Cutter Race Museum on Saturday at 3PM. Star Valley Ranch. Kathy said the Town is full of activity with the building of new houses. Afton. Joel said they are also busy with new building. There is an industrial park in North Afton, a soda pop shop and another urgent care facility about to open. He discussed the EPA and its requirements for Afton’s water system. Alpine. Bob discussed the
Porcupine Slide, the water backup and the economic impact. Kemmerer. Andrew said the 6th Penny Resolution will be sent to all communities for signatures. An industry study will be performed on properties and facilities to help determine which businesses may be attracted to South Lincoln County.

Commissioners’ Report. Bob said they are working with all relevant entities on options for the slide area.

Planning and Engineering. John discussed the convenience store with Little Caesar’s and five islands at Alpine Junction. Work on the twenty unit complex in Alpine is about to begin, but the crew needs housing. Also in Alpine, the 121 unit RV park behind Subway should begin soon.

Old Business.

Funding for Oyster Ridge was discussed. Joel made the motion to approve $10,000 for this year; DeLand seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve. Merridee will forward documentation to the Commission.

Funding for the Stockdog group was discussed. DeLand made the motion to approve an amount to be determined; Joel seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Funding for the advertising campaign for the Wasatch Front was discussed. Kathy made the motion to approve an amount up to $7,500; DeLand seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

The 4-H Training and Education program was discussed, and the Board decided the request falls outside of the scope of economic development. Bob will take the request to the Commission.

The Secretary/Treasurer duties and transition were discussed. Merridee suggested we discuss at the next meeting what content will be placed on the County’s newly revised Web site.
New Business.

None.

At 11:50AM a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The next LCED meeting will be held on May 7, 2018 in Afton.

Respectfully submitted,

Merridee Matson