

Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance (LSLEA) Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2014 Slave Lake Inn & Conference Centre Slave Lake, AB

Present:

Barry Sharkawi – High Prairie & Area Chamber of Commerce Brenda Lemay - Municipal District of Opportunity Darren Fulmore - Municipal District of Lesser Slave River Diane Smith – Town of Slave Lake Debbie Rose - Town of High Prairie Valerie Tradewell - Northern Lakes College Kim Dyke – EDO, Tri-Council, Slave Lake Inka Hart – High Prairie School Division Linda Cox- Administration, LSLEA

Absent

Rural Alberta Business Centre
Lesser Slave Lake Regional Tourism
Chris Lamouche -Gift Lake Metis Settlement
Laurie Renauer - Slave Lake & District Chamber of Commerce
Layne Gauchier- Peavine Metis Settlement
Darcy Dupas – East Prairie Metis Settlement

1. Meeting called to order at 10:40 pm:

2. Agenda:

Chair Sharkawi asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

- 34- 2014/15 Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended. Moved by Darren Fulmore CARRIED
- 3. Minutes:
- 35- 2014/15 Motion to adopt the Minutes from the June 26, 2014 meeting. Moved by Darren Fulmore

CARRIED

36- 2014/15 Motion to adopt the Minutes as amended from the July 17, 2014 meeting. .Moved by Darren Fulmore

CARRIED

37- 2014/15 Motion to adopt the Minutes from the August 14, 2014 meeting. Moved by Diane Smith.

CARRIED

4. Chairperson Report

Chair Sharkawi will be attending the REDA Chairs meeting in Nisku September 17 & 18. There are ongoing discussions between REDAs and the province regarding the role of REDAs in the future. Funding for the 2015-16 will also be discussed.

5. Executive Director Vacancy

38-2014/15 – Motion to establish an interview panel consisting of Brenda Lemay, Chair Barry Sharkawi, Kim Dyke, Darcy Dupas, and Diane Smith. The panel will screen the applications, interview the selected applicants on September 19th and choose the successful applicant. Moved by Val Tradewell.

CARRIED

6. Invest in Alberta

Discussion on advertising, in conjunction with the other REDAs, in the Economic Developers of Alberta magazine. Information to be included was contact name and office phone number, website address, and LSLEA logo. Board also requested a proof be sent for distribution to all Board Members for input.

39- 2014/15 – Motion to participate, with other REDAs, in advertisement in the Economic Developers of Alberta publication, up to \$400.00, subject to inclusion of a map of Alberta with REDA regions indicated and contact info as discussed. Moved by Diane Smith.

CARRIED

7. Zoom Prospector

Zoom Prospector is a web application with geographic information system software. It uses Google mapping and overlays to provide comprehensive information for businesses to find the optimal location for success in a chosen region. The website tools use a site selection search engine which provides access to a real estate data, demographic analysis and industry reports, allowing users to conduct searches of communities and commercial properties that match their unique criteria.

40-2014/15 – Motion to receive for information and send correspondence to Dale Barr of CAEP that we will not be participating at this time. Moved by Val Tradewell.

CARRIED

8. Slave Lake Marina

The Request for Proposal for the East End Marian Study have come in higher than anticipated. REDO Kim Dyke of Tri-Council has requested a further \$7500 be allocated for the project.

41-2014/15 – Moved that \$7500 be allocated to the East End marina Project in addition to the previous \$12,500. The additional funding is to come from LSLEA unallocated funding. Moved by Val Tradewell

CARRIED

- 9. Small Business Week
- 42- 2014/15 Motion to allocate \$1500 to the Slave Lake & District Chamber of Commerce and \$2000.00 to the High Prairie & Area Chamber of Commerce is support of guest speakers and associated expenses for Small Business Week October 20th. Moved by Darren Fulmore.

CARRIED

- 10 Financial Statements 2013-14
- 43-2014/15 Motion to accept the Financial Statements as of March 31, 2014 as presented. Moved by Diane Smith.

CARRIED

- 11. Financial Report as of August 31, 2014
- 44- 2014/15 Motion to accept Financial Report as presented. Moved by Brenda Lemay.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: TBD, High Prairie, AB

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Chair Barry Sharkawi