

Brooke County EDA Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2016 at 5:30pm
Brooke County Library

Attendance: Patty Welling-Treasurer, George Kondik-Vice Chairman, Honorable Stacy Wise, Honorable Jim Andreozzi, Ruby Greathouse, Pat Sutherland, Shari Beckstrand, John Rogers, Mike Bolen, Kyle Wales, David Klick, Ed DiPino, Carolyn Walsh, Bud Billiard, Carolyn Walsh, Bud Billiard, Sam Hubbard, David Hubbard, Fred Hervey, Joe Eddy, Mr. Davis, Lynn Davis, Maribeth Anderson, Norm Schwertfeger- Secretary.

~ Norm Schwertfeger opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Minutes from previous meeting- Ed DiPino moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and second by Shari Beckstrand and passed.

Financial Report- Patty Welling submitted the treasurer's report for April 2016 with a balance of \$28,452.46. George Kondick moved to approve, second by Ed DiPino and passed.

Update on Regional Tourism Meeting- Ruby Greathouse, Honorable Pat Sutherland, Kyle Wales and Norm Schwertfeger were in attendance at the 5 County Regional Tourism event at The Barn with Inn. Attendance was excellent and WV Tourism Commissioner Amy Goodwin was at the event. We discussed the county asset maps being developed and ways we can get that tied into the states marketing efforts. Top of WV CVB was the sponsor for the event and covered the cost of the meals for the meeting.

Update on Entrepreneurial Pitch Project- David Klick, Committee Chair, gave an update on the upcoming event. David advised the group that we have been working with Carrie White, Director of the West Liberty University Entrepreneurism Center and they have committed \$2500.00 to use as a first place prize for the winning business pitch! David has also brought in the Wellsburg Chamber of Commerce as a partner with this event and they are helping to market the event. David indicates the event will be held at the Wellsburg Town Park at 17th and Charles street on June 23rd at 6:00pm. Participants will be given 5 minutes to present their PITCH and that will be followed up with questions from the audience/panel of judges for 5 minutes. Applications should be turned in by May 20, 2016 to David Klick at First National Bank in Wellsburg. Davis hopes to get other sponsors for the event and this may enable other prizes for participants, etc. The event will be held outdoors unless weather is a factor and then it will be moved inside the old board of education building owned by Shari Beckstrand, located at 17th and Charles Street.

Ag Days Request- Ruby Greathouse reported on the 2016 Ag Days scheduled for May 25 and 26th. The event will involve 12 separate presentation stations that will provide 5th grade students from Follansbee Middle and Wellsburg Middle School an opportunity to learn about the Agricultural field, jobs, animals and specific techniques related to agriculture. Ruby advised the Authority that Northern Panhandle RC&D committed \$2,000 toward the costs for running Ag Day and requested the check be deposited in our EDA account to pay costs associated with the program. Additionally, Ruby advised the Authority that previously the EDA committed up to \$1,000 toward Ag Day expenses and they usually come in at around \$750. David Klick moved to allow the NPRC&D check to come into our account and commit up to \$1,000 for the 2 day event, second by Patty Welling and passed.

Oil & Gas Presentation- Commissioner Stacey Wise was called upon to make the introduction for our speaker and she began by recognizing Joe Eddy, CEO and President of Eagle Manufacturing, Immediate Past President of the WV Manufacturers Association and state leader in the Oil and Gas Education movement.

Stacy also introduced Maribeth Anderson, Director Government and Community Relations- WV for Southwestern Energy. www.swn.com Maribeth_Anderson@swn.com 304-389-6802 Maribeth presented a PowerPoint presentation about the Oil and Gas reserves in the play that includes Brooke County. She advised that we are on a downturn in the industry and she looks for it to pick back up within the next year or so. Maribeth also took some time at the end of her presentation to entertain questions and discussions about potential partnerships SWN could have with Brooke County. Commissioner Jim Andreozzi spoke complimentary of the relationship the County Commission has with SWN and Maribeth. Commissioner Andreozzi indicated that they have been very responsive to requests from the County Commission and enjoy a good relationship. Maribeth had to leave for another meeting and Joe Eddy conducted a follow-up discussion with the EDA and answered questions from the group.

Next Meeting Date- The next regular scheduled meeting of the EDA is set for May 25th at 5:30pm at the Brooke Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman Schwertfeger Norm Schwertfeger, Secretary- BCEDA