

Brooke County EDA Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2016 at 5:30pm  
Brooke County Library

**Attendance:** Patty Welling-Treasurer, Ruby Greathouse, Pat Sutherland, Shari Beckstrand, Kyle Wales, Bud Billiard, Joe Eddy, Amy Nickerson, Tom Way, Daniel Seaman, Norm Schwertfeger- Secretary.

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

**Minutes from previous meeting-** Bud Billiard moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and second by Patty Welling and passed.

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

**Regional Tourism Meeting scheduled-** Norm advised the members that a Regional Tourism meeting is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mountaineer Gaming at 11:00am. The meeting will include representatives from Hancock County down to Wetzel County. The Director of WV State Tourism will also be in attendance. Top of WV will be the sponsor and will have food for those in attendance.

**Update on Entrepreneurial Pitch Project-** David Klick, Committee Chair, sent a report to Norm to share with the group. PITCH is set for June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 18<sup>th</sup> street park. There will be 5 judges with weighted votes: Honorable Stacey Wise, Steve Maguschak, Joe Eddy (or designee), Pat Ford and possibly President of WLU or Director of Vision Shared. Presenters given 5 minutes to PITCH and 5 minutes for Q & A. Winner will get \$2,500 to pursue their new business idea, courtesy of WLU Entrepreneur Program. We currently have 7 presenters. Eagle Manufacturing will donate a low boy for stage and Wellsburg Chamber will give free year membership to Chamber. The EDA will purchase food and drinks for those in attendance. He encouraged visiting the Beckstrand building at this event and encouraged all to attend and get others out to the event.

\*\*Patty Welling moved to support a second place prize of \$1,000.00 for the PITCH Contest, second by Bud Billiard and passed unanimously.

\*\*Joe Eddy moved to support food at the event up to \$500, second by Patty Welling and passed.

**Ag Days Request-** Ruby Greathouse reported on the 2016 Ag Days event held May 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. The event included 12 separate presentation stations that provided 5<sup>th</sup> 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 the event was very successful and we really appreciate the partnership we have enjoyed with the EDA as supporters of this event.

**AmeriCorp VISTA report-** Kyle Wales reported on the photo contest he is proposing for the year. Kyle will prepare flyers and get the word out via social media and newspaper.

**Update from Municipalities, Towns, Villages:**

**Beech Bottom-** no report.

**Follansbee-** no report.

**Bethany-** Honorable Pat Sutherland was in attendance and he introduced Daniel Seaman, student intern at Bethany and they will be attending Try This WV Conference to present their ideas for a new grant for Bethany community.

**Wellsburg-** no report.

**Weirton-** no report.

**Development Updates**

**A- County Assessor-** no report.

**B- BDCNP-** no report.

**C- BHJ –** no report

**D- County Commission-** no report

**E- WV Development Office-** no report.

\*- Joe Eddy gave an update on Eagle Manufacturing expansion and traffic routes for the industry in Wellsburg.

\*- Bud Billiard gave an update on work undertaken at Brooke Hills Park and the work being done by the Army Corp of Engineers.

\*\* Patty Welling moved to pay the Brooke library \$100 to pay for the space and services provided the EDA during the year, second by Shari Beckstrand and passed.

**Next Meeting Date-** The next regular scheduled meeting of the EDA is set for June 23rd at the Entrepreneur PITCH Contest.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Norman Schwertfeger* Norm Schwertfeger, Secretary- BCEDA