

Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee
Minutes
Monday, Sept 11 , 2017
5:15 pm Neebing Municipal Office

1. Attendance: D. Kilgour, C. Butikofer, B. Marshall, E. Butikofer, W. Robinson
regrets- G. Davies
on leave- D. Crack
2. Approval of the Agenda.
Moved by: W. Robinson/ B.Marshall . Carried
3. Declaration of conflict of interest: none
4. Approval of the minutes of June 12, 2017 – Deferred till October meeting
5. New Business:
 - a. The Committee met with Kendall Donahue from OMAFRA to discuss any available programs that local farmers might want to see here in Neebing. Discussion was also held with respect to OMAFRA’s Rural Economic Development (“RED”) Fund. Wayne Robinson is in contact with Thunder Bay Ventures in this regard. The Committee will work with local interested farmers on possible projects to submit for funding.
TASK – Wayne Robinson
 - b. The Committee is pursuing an “asset” inventory in the Municipality so that prospective developers can be directed to areas of interest (forestry, agriculture, aggregates, wilderness, conservation, tourism, parks, etc.). Funds for an intern are being pursued so that this project can be completed. The Committee will be approaching Lakehead University to see whether there is a potential to utilize students, staff and/or equipment. Ms. Donahue is assisting the Committee in this regard in terms of appropriate liaison with the University.
 - c. The Committee has determined that it is not prepared to apply by the deadline for this iteration of RED funding, but will prepare for the next issue.
6. Old Business
 - a. Letter to Premier Wynn was submitted May 23 but no response was received yet .
 - b. Clara has reached out to the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce for information, benefits and pricing regarding membership.
7. Questions were asked about the status on the gasifier and there is no further information as reported by E. Butikofer.
8. Next Meeting October 16 , 2017
9. Adjournment at 6:30 pm Motion by W. Robinson