

Sweetser Economic Redevelopment Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2013

Meeting minutes from December 27, 2012 were reviewed and approved.

All board members were present and included Richard Gamble, Carl Moorman, Chuck Briede, Travis Lemaster and Steve Kelly.

Jerry Smith, the commission's representative from the Oak Hill School Board, was in attendance tonight.

Steve Kelly made a motion that we maintain our current officers with Chuck Briede as President and Richard Gamble as Secretary. Carl Mooreman seconded the motion. All members agreed.

Steve Kelly stated that Rick Arens from 807 South Maple Street would be interested in becoming a member of the Sweetser Economic Redevelopment Commission.

Chuck Briede stated that if the Commission wanted to continue forward with establishing a TIF, it would cost approximately \$4700 to create. When we first began gathering data on a TIF, this is the figure Steve Brock gave us. Chuck also said the money could come from an escrow account that the town has had for several years now. The escrow account was set up through the Area Plan Commission and never used.

Jerry Smith stated that although a TIF would create some added tax base from businesses in town, offering tax abatements to residents for new home construction may be something worth consideration. Jerry continued with some of his history in the construction business and believes that the aforementioned tax abatement would draw more home builders to Sweetser and therefore potentially increase the town's population.

Steve Kelly made a motion that we proceed, with the Town Boards approval, to establish a TIF and use the money in the Area Plan Commission Escrow account to pay for the creation of it. Carl Moorman seconded it and all agreed. Chuck then said that he would contact Steve Brock so that he could start the preparation.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

Chuck Briede
Steve Kelly
Carl J. Moorman
Jerry Smith