

**Valley City-Barnes County Development Corporation Board Meeting**  
**Monday, May 9, 2022**  
**6:45 a.m., Regional Technology Center, 415 Winter Show Road (Training Lab)**

**PRESENT:** Mary Lee Nielson, George Gaukler, Bobby Koeplin, Bill Carlblom, Dick Gulmon, Wade Bruns, Luke Trapp, Josh Kasowski, Dean Kinney, Matt Pedersen, Mary Simonson, Jennifer Feist and Trinity Nelson

**ABSENT:** Paige Bjornson, Mike Bishop, Paul Diegel and Pete Paulson

**EX-OFFICIO:** Chad Petersen, KLJ and Gwen Crawford, City of Valley City  
President Mary Lee Nielson called the meeting to order at 6:45 a.m.

**AGENDA:** No changes.

**MINUTES:** Bill Carlblom moved to approve the April 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. Dean Kinney seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Class 200 (Projects)-Receiving Flex PACE payments from customers. Class 500 (NW Industrial Park)-Cash balance of \$594,000. Class 800 (Tech II)-\$21,000 is restricted for the Retention & Expansion project. Matt Pedersen moved to approve the financial statements as presented. Bill Carlblom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 6:49 am Josh Kasowski moved to go into Executive Session. Dick Gulmon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 7:36 am Bobby Koeplin moved to close the Executive Session. Mary Simonson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**VALLEY CITY HOCKEY & FIGURE SKATING CLUB:** Wade Bruns moved to recognize conflict of interest for Josh Kasowski. Luke Trapp seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mary Simonson motioned to approve a Flex PACE loan of up to \$4,000 to purchase a Zamboni. Previous Flex PACE project of \$1,986.62 for boards, glass and anchors in 2019. Matt Pedersen seconded. Motion carried; Josh Kasowski abstained.

**BARNES COUNTY – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT 4 MILLS:** Bobby Koeplin moved to authorize requesting up to 4 Mills for the 2022-2023 budget. Wade Bruns seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MALACH HILLSLIDE ISSUES:** Bobby Koeplin moved to release \$10,000 from obligation previously approved by the City and approve requesting \$30,000 from the City and County each. Wade Bruns seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Sales Tax Renewal: Jennifer Feist was on Voice of the Valley last week and efforts are being made to reach as many people as possible. Though we were not financially involved, the Development Corporation was the lead on the acquisition of the railroad land by the City. Significant time was put into this project and these businesses have a significant impact on the local economy. County ROI Information: Began tracking County funds in 2004, using the average annual wage in Barnes County, primary sector companies employ 700 people which is \$30M to \$35M in payroll and turns in the economy about 5 times resulting in an impact of \$150M. The County's annual contribution of \$70,000 helped secure the I-94 RDC even though funds are specific to retaining the ND National Guard. NW Industrial Park Building: Will have to wait until the road is vacated to survey the land and establish the property line.

There being no further business, President Mary Lee Nielson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Feist  
Director of Development