

## **Business Regulations Task Force**

### **MEETING NOTES**

**March 1, 2010 3:30 p.m.**

**Committee Attendance:** Jeff Dale, LD Gilbertz, Katie Allan, Curt Betcher, Megan Lehman, Philippe Chino, Brandi Beecher

Philippe opened the meeting by explaining CCEDC's Strategic Planning process. Brandi will serve as staff to the Task Force.

Group discussed others that may be interested in being involved; Ron Stoughton, Cliff Knesel, Mike Davis, Mark Christenson, Eugene Rutledge, Brenda Murphy, etc. CCEDC staff will follow up with these folks.

Jeff talked about Bucyrus's experience with their expansion. When decided to expand they found that they were in violation of regulations over water. Then had issues over moving lot lines, took over a year to turn four lots into three lots. He said their corporate office was very close to not moving forward with the expansion because of all the regulatory hold ups.

Megan added that the mentality of our community is "they (businesses) come and they build it." Not a public sector issue.

Curt talked about using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in South Dakota to help developments.

Philippe reported that CCEDC is working on getting TIF implemented in Wyoming.

Megan said during the round table discussions the task force talked about getting representation from coal industry. Also heard that there is a disconnect between County and City development regulations.

Jeff gave the example that in Kilgore, Texas the Economic Development Group gave them 40 acres of land for their expansion. Gillette needs to be a place where businesses want to do business.

Katie said the City is working with a consultant to look at the complete development process and where changes need to be made.

Group discussed the goal of the task force

Goal: City and County need to have a unified front for a consistent clear process to make it easier for existing and new companies to do business.

Group discussed who should chair the task force. LD Gilbertz agreed to serve as the chair.

Group discussed the best time to meet and decided that lunch time meetings would work best.

**Action Items:**

- Task Force needs to wordsmith the goal.
- Task Force will bring ideas on objectives and strategies to the next meeting.
- Group will work to recruit more people to the task force.

**NEXT MEETING March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 12:30 p.m. at CCEDC Board Room**