

## **WHEATFIELD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Minutes – January 29, 2014

Present:  Richard Muscatello  Robert Cliffe  
 Victor Montalbo  Larry Helwig  
 William Wagner  Dawn Gilliam  
 Joshua Heim  Sharon DiPasquale

Excused:  Lawrence Witul

Guest(s): Robert O'Toole, Town Attorney

1. Self introductions of the members
2. Discussion regarding mission – what is our purpose?
  - a. Bob O'Toole passed out the application for tax I.D. as well as documents from North Tonawanda & Niagara County Brownfield LDCs.
  - b. General group discussion about our purpose.
  - c. Noted that the application for tax I.D. states our purpose; needs some clean up
  - d. Discussion that, rather than re-inventing the wheel, we should invite in either Doug Taylor from N.T. or Chuck Bell from Lockport to help point the way forward. Dawn will contact Chuck from Lockport.
3. General discussion on possible goals for 2014
  - a. Should we be proactive? Or reactive?
  - b. Work together with NC Economic Development
  - c. Possibly add just enough incentive to have a business choose Wheatfield.
  - d. We should not compete, but augment other local businesses including help with expanding local businesses

4. Discussion regarding grants manager

- a. Bernie Rotella does work for the Town; Bob O thinks he will work for the LDC as part of Town contract.
- b. Possibly sign a contract with a percentage in lieu of regular salary
- c. Bob O will ask Bernie to come to our next meeting to offer his knowledge about grant possibilities

5. Selection of Chair

- a. Bill Wagner volunteered for the next few meetings.

6. Discussion about meeting date

- a. Monthly as we get started, then as opportunities arise
- b. 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month
- c. Next meeting is February 26 at 7:30 pm at the Community Center