

Manufacturer's Round Table

May 11, 2017

Meeting Held at: Dickinson State University

Meeting Record

Present: Mark Volesky, Impact Dakota; Brad Boyd, Impact Dakota; Danita Tysver, Stark Development Corporation; Ryan Jilek, Stark Development Corporation; Dave Lehman, NDSU Engineering Ext; Kaylen Morast, Senator Heitkamp staff; Shirley Dukart, Home and Land Company; Diane Duchscher, Home and Land Company; Debora Dragseth, DSU; Tiffany Carroll, CHI St. Alexius Health; Dennis Johnson, TMI; Lisa Roers, Roers West; Tom Krank, TMI; Arnold Karsky, Builders First Source; Darrell Neubert, DSU/NDSBC; and Tom Mitzel, DSU.

Business – Go – Round:

Discussion took place regarding requests to be added to the round table list.

Mark Volesky, Impact Dakota – Wonderful to see a group of leaders like the Manufacturer's Round Table.

Brad Boyd, Impact Dakota – The Manufacturer's Round Table provides them a snapshot of what is happening in Dickinson and helps them respond to the needs in the area.

Ryan Jilek, Stark Development Corporation – Attended the Meridian Energy public forum held in Belfield recently. The forum was very informational, most in attendance were supportive of the project. The project has submitted an amendment to their air quality permit representing new-found technology capable of further reducing emissions by 30-50%. The project will create 200 permanent jobs and over 500 jobs during construction. Site preparation is scheduled to begin this summer. Met with OIT Bakken who is looking to purchase the Great Northern Power Development property southwest of South Heart. They are a company out of Alaska that thermally treats non-hazardous petroleum contaminated soils, absorbent pads and sludges. They met with several local banks, the county planner and zoning board.

Dave Lehman, NDSU Engineering Ext – US manufacturing index has slid to 54.8. North Dakota manufacturing index increased to 57.3. Manufacturing is expected to grow through 3rd quarter. Wind manufacturing in North Dakota has been strong. A few manufactures still having a tough time. There will be a Drone Focus Conference in Fargo May 31st – June 1st. At the end of July the engineering extension program will be discontinued due to legislative budget cuts to NDSU. Plans to still work with investors.

Kaylen Morast, Senator Heitkamp staff – Working to put together an opioid awareness event and on essential air service. In April there was an uptick in calls from people looking for assistance to help fix issues they were having with other agencies.

Shirley Dukart, Home and Land Company – Business has picked up. We were down to 115 listings and currently have 243. See attached handout.

Diane Duchscher, Home and Land Company – Has heard of the Manufacturer's Round Table for years and is glad to finally attend.

Debora Dragseth, Dickinson State University – Has been elected President to the Council of College Faculties for the State. Will be starting June 1st.

Tiffany Carroll, CHI St. Alexius Health – Still working on the mental health facility. Added new family practitioner. A new OBGYN and another family practitioner will be starting soon. Averaging 54 babies a month. John Odermann has been hired as the mission director.

Lisa Roers, Roers West – Experienced slow down during the winter. Activity is picking up. Working on Blue 42 Sports Grill and the Methodist church. Remodeling Sanford East. Have projects in Bismarck and Beulah. West Ridge has commercial and residential lots available. Residential lots start at \$45,000. Apartments are at 50% occupancy. Townhomes are full. Apartment rents range from \$700 – \$1,325 a month. Townhomes are \$1,500 a month. Apartment activity is picking up. Roers has been contracted to assist in renting units of Blue Hawk Square.

Tom Krank, TMI – Have had a good start to the year. Employees are working overtime. Have made a lot of investments lately. There is an uptick in education, healthcare is staying low. Some competitors have closed. Working on IT update. Have decreased the IT department from 12 employees to 4. Recruiting has been going well. Have 18 seasonal workers coming on. Using social media and billboards to recruit. Have 260 employees. Working on leadership transition throughout the company. Working on a leadership program for employees. May also offer leadership training for other businesses.

Arnold Karsky, Builders First Source – Signs have all been updated to say Builders First Source. Traffic has increased. Single family permits have increased this year. Lumber price has increased 20% since the first of the year.

Discussion took place regarding the price per square foot to build. It costs about \$200 - \$225 per square foot.

Darrel Neubert, DSU/SBDC – Has been kind of slow. Have a few new clients. Had a new window cleaning business start this week. UND has a business start-up contest. Two teams per higher ed school can enter. \$25,000 will be awarded to each of the four finalist teams.

Discussion took place about the possibility of Dickinson having a 1 million cups group.

Thomas Mitzel, DSU – DSU has been cut 17.4% by the Legislature, other schools throughout the State were cut an average of 16%. Thank you to our local Legislatures for

their hard work. Have put a four-year plan together. Should not have to request any additional funding next biennium. Closed the south campus art building and Selke hall. The art department has been moved to the main campus. Baseball and golf has been cut unless they are able to fundraise enough to keep the programs. Have partnered with Royall to achieve higher enrollment. DSU has won many academic awards throughout the year. Planning for the DSU Centennial and will be celebrating DSU and the community working together.

Discussion took place about changing the Manufacturer's Round Table name since it has changed to more of a community roundtable. The consensus by the group was to keep the name since it is well recognized.

Dennis Johnson provided an update on the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 2:30 PM, hosted by Builders First Source, location to be announced.