

Manufacturer's Round Table

May 8, 2019

Dickinson Public Schools Central Administration Office
Meeting Record

Present: Mark Resner, RCRC; Sarah Trustem, Dickinson Public Schools; Deborah Dragseth, DSU; Cole Simnioniw, Baker Boy; Erwin VanVeldhuizen, DIDI; Mary Massad, Southwest Water Authority; Scott Decker, City of Dickinson; Shon Hocker, Dickinson Public Schools; Ryan Jilek, Stark Development Corporation and Danita Tysver, Stark Development Corporation.

Business – Go – Round:

Shon Hocker, Dickinson Public Schools – The high school bond referendum failed. Working on a plan to move forward. The district will be able to request 18 mills to aid in the efforts needed to accommodate future needs.

Mark Resner, RCRC – On June 30th their fiscal year will end. The RCRC board will be voting to eliminate debt and be debt free July 1st. Have development funds available. Block grant applications just ended. Active in five of the eight counties within the region, projects are mainly in Stark County.

Deborah Dragseth, DSU – Handed out the DSU Blue Hawk Bulletin which is now an insert in The Dickinson Press. Legislature approved raises. Graduation is May 11th. She will be joining the Board of Higher Ed starting July 1st.

Cole Simnioniw, Baker Boy – Just finished their fiscal year, profits are down a little from budgeted. The upgrades to the donut line should be completed in July. Currently produce 5,000 an hour with the upgrades to the line it will be able to produce 22,000 an hour. In August they will start rolling out fully iced donuts. Will be attending an international food show in Orlando. Have 205 employees and 11 openings.

Erwin VanVeldhuizen, DIDI – The Dream It Do It program has ambassadors from five of the manufacturer's in the area. They include Fisher Industries, Steffes, TMI, Baker Boy and KMM. They have reached over 500 students this year. Fargo is looking into how the ambassador program works in the area to replicate it.

Mary Massad, Southwest Water Authority – National Drinking Water Week is May 5-11. Tracked 73 bills this legislative session. Funding should be successful. The Governor appointed a board member on the State Water Commission from this side of the State. Construction continues. The Missouri River has recorded the largest runoff since 1898. See attached handout.

Scott Decker, City of Dickinson – Starting budget talks. Will be speaking at the State of the City on May 21st. Continue to talk with Legislators to work on solutions. The City salary study should be completed by June.

Ryan Jilek, Stark Development Corporation – Co-chair on the Census Committee. Granted \$100,000 to an expanding daycare. They will go from a group of 30 children to a center with a capacity of up to 140 children. Assisted the Brewery, their first event is expected to bring 250 people. The next Start-up Your Day will be May 9th at the Odd Fellows Lodge. May 23rd a public hearing will be held at the Stark County courthouse at 8:00 am regarding the local match needed to secure federal funding for the airport runway expansion. Will be co-hosting the EDND Conference in Dickinson in October along with Dunn and Hettinger counties.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 2:30 PM, location to be determined.