



MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
Ellensburg Business Development Authority
August 4, 2005

PRESENT: Doug Ryder Charlotte Tullos Lynn Jenison Jerry Decker
 Desmond Knudson Bob Titus

ABSENT: Fritz Glover Bill Meyer Bruce Tabb

STAFF PRESENT: Debbie Strand Sherry Luke

I. Establish Quorum

The Ellensburg Business Development Authority (EBDA) held a Special Meeting in the 221 E 4th conference room on Thursday, August 4, 2005 to discuss Hobart Machined Products request for a time extension to pay all rents in full. Doug Ryder, Chair, determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Review Hobart Machined Product's Documents & Rent Payment Plan

The Board reviewed documents emailed by Hobart, and thoroughly discussed Hobart's time extension request (from 8/1/05 to 8/15/05) to become current. Discussion also involved the following: a full payment extension of 30-45 days with "good faith" partial payments of \$500/week and weekly written progress reports; a written promise to voluntarily vacate from the Airport Building if payment was not received; that a formal Rent Policy has not yet been approved by the Board; implications of the 10-day eviction notice already sent to Hobart; the delay in recruiting a new tenant if the extension was allowed and payment not received; about obtaining the public record for liens against the Hobart's equipment; and, whether or not to hold another special Board meeting if payment was not received by the 15th. Debbie Strand called Larry Brester and he confirmed that Boeing usually paid Hobart in 10 days, thus taking the 1/2% discount.

Charlotte Tullos moved to accept Hobart's rent payment extension request to

August 15, 2005, but if payment in full was not received, a weekly “good faith” payment schedule of \$500 and a weekly written progress report would be required. Desi Knudson seconded the motion. Bob Titus suggested a friendly amendment to also request a written agreement to voluntarily vacate, which both Tullos and Knudson accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion included seeking legal review of the above motion and the overall process in light of the motion. Jerry Decker moved to authorize Strand to get legal advice regarding the process outlined above as soon as possible, and if complications were detected to call another special meeting of the Board. Knudson seconded the motion. Additional clarifying remarks were that the motion authorized payment of legal fees and Board members will be notified if any problems arise. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Other Business

The Schultz and Mooney presentations were reviewed and perceived as good business recruitment tools for goods not currently available in the County. It was concurred that City Council needed to be informed about the amount of lost tax revenues. Small gains have been made in the last six years to improve the anti-business climate in Ellensburg.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Jenison, Secretary