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## MINUTES

### Ellensburg Business Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, May 16th, 2017

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**Present:** John Perrie, Grant Clark, Steve Townsend, Chad Youngquist, Deborah Bezona, Bruce Tabb

**Absent:** Isa Harrison, Nicalee Smith, Scott Puntenney

**Staff:** Bill Hansen, Sarah Truglio,

Quorum was established. Meeting called to order by John at 5:35 p.m.

- I. **Agenda/Consent Agenda/Minutes:** Motion by Grant to approve Agenda, April minutes and Consent Agenda. Seconded and approved.
- II. **Financials:**  
**Aging Report:** Debra asked about Ellensburg Distillery amount in arrears. Was assured that they continue to make payments as agreed.
- III. **Updates:**  
**Port District Initiative:** Bill gave update on stakeholder meetings, one already held in Ellensburg, holding one tonight in Cle Elum.
- IV. **New Business**  
**Chamber – EBDA MOU.** John explained his thoughts on the impact of City Council’s decision to pull some admin duties for EBDA back to City staff, and what impacts that would have on this board going forward. Bruce arrived at this time and was asked to explain Council’s actions and how they related to the future of the board and the EBDA in general.  
Debra asked about City funding support in the future and Bruce explained that the property management side existing agreement didn’t have to change as long as parties could come to agreement on cost, etc. Bruce explained Council’s concerns about effectiveness of the EBDA as structured and referenced the strategic plan presented in late 2016. Debra remarked on current momentum and efforts of board members. John expressed frustrations with the process council used to develop the plan, particularly the fact that nobody outside of council was consulted or invited to participate in the decision process.  
Bruce was asked how the EBDA moves forward and explained the council plan, review of EBDA Charter, by-laws and strategic plan. Meetings between City staff and Chamber staff were discussed, and John asked about the need to have active Council participation in the future, and the recent lack thereof.  
June agenda will need to include locations of next mtgs, June at Chamber, July at City Hall, involved city staff to attend.  
John asked if all board members had copies of the Charter and by-laws to review, all said yes, and asked that they be made available to city staff.  
Bruce asked about items to be addressed, and his recent email concerning EBDA support for continuing efforts to research possibilities surrounding the ‘Y’ building on Water Street. Initial step would be a MOU between the building owner and the City.  
Grant Clark made a motion to support the city’s efforts, Steve seconded, motion approved

**VI. Good of the Order:** None

**VII. Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.