

**CITY OF TIOGA**  
Tioga Fund Advisory Board Minutes  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
Unofficial

A meeting of the Tioga Fund Advisory Board of the City of Tioga was called to order at 6:04 pm on Tuesday July 13, 2021 at the Tioga City Hall by President of the Tioga Fund Advisory Board David Grubb.

PRESENT: David Grubb, Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson and Ronica Pederson

ABSENT:

Guest: Dennis Lindahl, Mallory Klabo, Josh Nelson and Wendi Lenzen

**Minutes:**

1.) April 13, 2021 minutes

**Rosencrans made a motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021; second by Alberts.**

Call: Aye – David Grubb, Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson and Ronica Pederson

Nay – None

**Reports:**

2.) Tioga Fund Balance Sheet

Question was raised regarding hold up on the Warming House for the hockey rink. Pederson stated she didn't know the exact reasons but would reach out to gather information on the status of the Warming House and send out an email update.

**Alberts made a motion to approve the balance sheet; second by Germundson.**

Call: Aye – David Grubb, Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson and Ronica Pederson

Nay – None

**New Business:**

3.) Tioga Economic Development Corp – Application for 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Drone Camp

Lindahl gave a presentation and discussed the request for \$15,000.00 for the annual event. Lindahl discussed how the requested funds would be used along with donations the EDC received from Enel Green Power and Enbridge, stating funds will be used in coordination with downtown music and art festival events, drones, robots, event promotions, publications, shirts, stickers, PPE (due to COVID), hotels for instructors and cost for speakers banquet for the instructors.

**Alberts made a motion to approve the application for \$15,000.00 from the Economic Development portion of the Tioga Fund; second by Pederson.**

Call: Aye – David Grubb, Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson and Ronica Pederson

Nay – None

4.) Tioga Police Department – Application for National Night Out Special Event

Josh Nelson, Tioga Chief of Police, discussed the application for the National Night Out BBQ event to rent bounce houses for the event to promote police and community partnership and discuss crime and fire prevention. The Tioga Police Department will bring out pieces of apparatus for kids to climb through and discuss crime prevention. Other donations include Cashwise will donate, prepare and serve food, Neset Consulting preparing and serving an ice cream treat, Tioga Fire and Ambulance will bring out pieces of apparatus for display and discussion, Tioga Park Board will be playing music in the park during the event and showing a movie in the park at dusk.

**Rosencrans made a motion to approve the application for \$1,705.00 from the Community Improvement portion of the Tioga Fund; second by Alberts.**

Call: Aye – David Grubb, Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson and Ronica Pederson

Nay – None

5.) Dakota Strategic Communications – Application for Internship/Mentoring Program

Lindahl discussed the application requesting \$30,000.00 for creating an internship and mentoring program. Discussing benefits that would help the Tioga Area through his work and contract with the Tioga Area EDC. Discussed a survey brought by the Tioga Area EDC in 2015 where the Internship and Mentoring Program would help benefit his strategy for attracting industry in Tioga with the Tioga Area EDC. Questions and concerns were raised by all the Tioga Fund Advisory Board members whether the use of the Tioga Fund tax dollars was appropriate for a for-profit entity. All board members were unanimous with their concerns believing the application isn't an appropriate use of funds and does not fit the purpose and guidelines for the Tioga Fund, not serving the community at-large and would only serve a specific and limited group.

**Rosencrans made a motion to deny the application for the Tioga Fund; second by Pederson.**

Call: Aye – David Grubb, Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson and Ronica Pederson

Nay – None

6.) Tioga Area EDC – Application for 2 Drones as Part of the ND Work Smart Grant Workforce Development through the ND Department of Commerce

Lindahl gave a presentation for the Tioga Area EDC application for \$2,996.00 for the cost of 2 drones as Part of the ND Work Smart Grant Workforce Development through the ND Department of Commerce. Lindahl explained the grant application he is applying for a \$100,000.00 matching grant with the ND Department of Commerce to provide grant support for workforce training programs. The cost of the 2 drones would put the applications at the \$100,000.00 mark for funds and cost of services already received allowing the Tioga Area EDC to apply for the full \$100,000.00 match. The EDC is proposing to the State to take the Young Adult Unmanned Aerial System and retool it to full adults and would be able to train 10 adult pilots, not only for general aviation, but also get their 107 certification and would be Unmanned Aerial Systems Pilots and would be able to fly the Aero Fleet One Drone for 300 hours (each student would fly 30hrs) and Aero Fleet One would obtain the airframe certification. Aero Fleet One would donate the drone for the 300 hours without charge. The 2 drones needed in this application would be for the 107 certification to train the pilots.

**Germundson made a motion to approve \$2,996.00 from the Economic Development portion of the Tioga FUND subject to the approval of the \$100,000.00 grant from the State; second by Pederson**

Call: Aye – David Grubb, Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson and Ronica Pederson

Nay – None

7.) Reinstatement of Tioga Fund Store Front Improvement Grant

Discussion held regarding reinstating the Tioga Fund Store Front Improvement Grant. Board discussed the matching grant and length of period of grant. Discussed keeping it at the current 4-year length with the same Conditions list.

**Alberts made a motion to approve the reinstatement of the Store Front Improvement Grant with same conditions starting from date of commission approval through December 31, 2025; second by Rosencrans.**

Call: Aye – David Grubb, Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson and Ronica Pederson

Nay – None

With no further business, the meeting of the Tioga Fund Advisory Board was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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David Grubb, President of the Tioga Fund Advisory Board

ATTEST:

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Ronica Pederson, Deputy Auditor